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The Holy Qur'an

'Allah has promised to those among you who believe and do good works that He will surely make them Successors in the earth, as He made Successors from among those who were before them; and that He will surely establish for them their religion which He has chosen for them; and that He will surely give them in exchange security and peace after their fear: They will worship Me, and they will not associate anything with Me. Then whoso is ungrateful after that, they will be the rebellious.'

Holy Quran 24:56

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا مِنْكُمْ وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
لَيَسْتَخْلِفَنَّهُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ
وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ دِينِهِمْ الَّذِي ارْتَضَى لَهُمْ وَلَيُبَدِّلَنَّهُمْ مِنْ
بَعْدِ خَوْفِهِمْ أَمْنًا يُعْبُدُونَنِي لَا يُشْرِكُونَ بِي شَيْئًا وَمَنْ
كَفَرَ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَاسِقُونَ ﴿٥٦﴾

Hadith The Sayings of the Messenger of Allah^{sa}

"Narrated from al-Nu'man ibn Bashir, who said: We were sitting in the mosque, and Bashir was a man who spoke little. Then Abu Tha'labah al-Khushani came and said: "O Bashir ibn Sa'd, do you remember the saying of the Messenger of Allah^{sa} regarding rulers?" Hudhayfah said: "I do. I heard the Messenger of Allah^{sa} say in a sermon:

"Prophethood shall remain among you as long as Allah wills. He will bring about its end and follow it with Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood for as long as He wills and then bring about its end. Kingship shall then follow, to remain as long as Allah wills and then come to an end. There shall then be monarchical despotism which shall remain as long as Allah wills and come to an end upon His decree. There will then emerge Khilafat on the precepts of prophethood." The Messenger of Allah^{sa} then became silent."

Musnad Ahmad (Hadith no. 18406, 28/372)

عَنِ النَّعْمَانِ بْنِ بَشِيرٍ، قَالَ: كُنَّا قُعُودًا فِي الْمَسْجِدِ مَعَ
رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، وَكَانَ بَشِيرٌ رَجُلًا يَكْفُ
حَدِيثَهُ، فَجَاءَ أَبُو ثَعْلَبَةَ الْخُسَيْنِيُّ، فَقَالَ: يَا بَشِيرُ بْنُ
سَعْدٍ، أَتَحْفَظُ حَدِيثَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ فِي
الْأُمَرَاءِ؟ فَقَالَ حُذَيْفَةُ: أَنَا أَحْفَظُ خُطْبَتَهُ، فَجَلَسَ أَبُو
ثَعْلَبَةَ، فَقَالَ حُذَيْفَةُ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَسَلَّمَ: "تَكُونُ النَّبُوءَةُ فِيكُمْ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ أَنْ تَكُونَ، ثُمَّ
يَرْفَعُهَا إِذَا شَاءَ أَنْ يَرْفَعَهَا، ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةٌ عَلَى مِنْهَا
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ثُمَّ تَكُونُ خِلَافَةٌ عَلَى مِنْهَا النَّبُوءَةُ". ثُمَّ سَكَتَ.

Extract from the Writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}

"So dear friends! Since it is the sunnatullah [Allah's practice], from time immemorial, that God Almighty shows two manifestations so that the two false joys of the opponents be put to an end, it is not possible now that God should relinquish His practice of old.

"So do not grieve over what I have said to you; nor should your hearts be distressed. For it is essential for you to witness the second manifestation also, and its coming is better for you because it is everlasting the continuity of which will not end till the Day of Judgement. And that second manifestation cannot come unless I depart.

"But when I depart, God will send that second manifestation for you which shall always stay with you just as promised by God in Barahin-e-Ahmadiyya.

"And this promise is not for my person; rather, the promise is with reference to you, as God [addressing me] says: 'I shall make this Jamaat who are your followers, prevail over others till the Day of Judgment.'"

The Will, p. 7

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HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V^{AA}
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“Even more than other Ahmadi Muslims, it is your duty to stand on the frontline and to be at the vanguard of defending Islam and the noble character of the Holy Prophet of Islam^{sa} and to win the hearts of mankind through the power of love and kindness” - Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aa}

On 26 April 2025, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aa} addressed the concluding session of the UK National Waqfat-e-Nau Ijtema, an annual gathering held for female members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in the UK who have pledged their lives for the peaceful service of Islam.

Huzoor^{aa} graced the event from the MTA Studios in Islamabad whilst more than 2,070 women and girls, including more than 1370 members of the Waqfat-e-Nau scheme gathered at the Baitul Futuh Mosque in London.

Huzoor^{aa} began his address by outlining the special status and significance of Waqfat-e-Nau members within the community. He emphasised that Waqfat-e-Nau girls and ladies were not a minor part of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, but rather individuals of immense value, having been dedicated to the service of Islam from before their birth and later reaffirming that commitment upon reaching maturity.

Huzoor^{aa} highlighted that their responsibilities to their faith would continue to grow throughout their lives, ***“like a towering wave,”*** requiring ever-greater devotion and sacrifice.

Huzoor^{aa} said ***“Together, as Waqfat-e-Nau, you have the potential to profoundly shape the world around you and inspire generations to come... Understand that with each step you take towards maturity, your connection to your faith must also deepen and mature and the weight of your responsibilities shall grow heavier.”***

During the address, Huzoor^{aa} urged the Waqfat-e-Nau to reflect on how they could honour the pledge they have made

to serve their faith. Whether they pursued higher education and professional careers or chose to stay at home after marriage, His Holiness emphasised that each had important responsibilities to fulfil as Ahmadi Muslims. Huzoor^{aa} further stressed that raising children to be righteous, nurturing within them a deep love for God Almighty, and ensuring that their ***“home shines as a beacon of Islamic light, lies at the very heart of being a Waqf-e-Nau mother.”***

Huzoor^{aa} reminded them that whilst all Ahmadi mothers bore this responsibility, it was even greater for Waqf-e-Nau mothers – those who had pledged their lives to the faith.

In addition, Huzoor^{aa} advised that children closely observe their parents, and as such, Waqfat-e-Nau should exemplify virtue and sincerity in all their actions.

Huzoor^{aa} said: ***“By setting a pious example for your children and attaining the nearness of God Almighty, you shall fulfil the true objectives of your Waqf (devotion to faith). So, always, strive to embody the teachings and practices of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessing of Allah be upon him) which, in this era, have been taught to us by the Promised Messiah^{as}.”***

Huzoor^{aa} highlighted the companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), who, upon accepting Islam, he stated shed immoral practices and experienced a spiritual awakening, and so, their compassion and benevolence inspired a revolution, spreading Islam’s teachings. In light of this, His Holiness urged Waqfat-e-Nau to recognise their true value and potential, regardless of education or qualifications.

Huzoor^{aa} said: ***“As Waqfat-e-Nau, irrespective of your level of education or qualifications, never underestimate your true value and potential. If you demonstrate the highest moral standards and conduct within your homes, it will not only be a means of cultivating excellent morals and firm faith in your children but will also serve as a powerful means of Tabligh (propagation of faith).”***

"Your good character, integrity, modesty and truthful words will serve as a magnet, drawing the hearts and minds of good-natured people towards you. Thereafter, when you pray for them to be rightly guided, Allah will listen to and accept your prayers. In this way, God-willing, you will become the gateway for many people to embrace Islam. Moreover, your words, deeds and high morals will serve to render futile the false criticisms or allegations routinely directed at Islam."

Huzoor^{aa} advised those still in education to recognise that whilst gaining knowledge is essential for personal growth, it should ultimately empower them to be able to confidently defend and spread the message of Islam with logic and reason.

Huzoor^{aa} said: *"Your pursuit of knowledge shall serve as a resounding answer to those who falsely claim that Islam does not value the education or empowerment of women and girls. Thus, as you progress through school, college or university do not have the mindset that your education is merely a means of getting a job or earning money. Rather, Ahmadi Muslim students should consider their education as an opportunity and platform to spread the beautiful teachings of Islam through the excellence of their character and the strength of their moral values."*

"The way to preach to your friends, teachers or those within your orbit is not through force or harsh words - rather it is through love, compassion and by exemplifying the Islamic values of truth, integrity, kindness and piety at every moment of your life. If and when you reach this high standard, you will fulfil the true spirit of your Waqf (devotion to faith)."

During the address, Huzoor^{aa} reminded Waqfat-e-Nau to pray that God Almighty saves them from laziness and enables them to serve their faith with distinction and dedication.

Huzoor^{aa} further outlined how to demonstrate that Allah the Almighty is indeed a Living God. *"How can you prove that Allah is a Living God? Quite simply, it is by establishing a connection with Him. It is by ensuring you observe the five daily prayers on time and with immense humility and devotion. It should not be that you offer salat (obligatory Muslim prayer) very quickly as a token gesture or to satisfy your elders. Salat becomes mandatory at the age of 10, and most of you have reached that age. Consequently, you must prioritise the five daily prayers above all personal tasks and activities. Doing so will never lead to any harm or disadvantage you in any way. Instead, your prayers will serve as the means of your success and continued prosperity. If you are regular in offering salat, Allah the Almighty will bless you and He will also safeguard your future generations."*

"Allah will never abandon those who put their trust in Him and who make sacrifices for His sake. He will bless such people abundantly - so long as their worship remains sincere. Thus, the Promised Messiah^{as} states that our worship should be pure and free from superficiality or a desire to impress others. Nor should we treat our prayers like an unwanted burden that we perform half-heartedly and try to complete as quickly as possible. Allah has no interest in such worship."

Huzoor^{aa} went on to highlight the examples set before Ahmadi Muslim women by the female companions of

the Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} who made tremendous sacrifices for their faith, enduring torture, martyrdom, and even fighting in wars with courage.

His Holiness explained that likewise, in this era, Ahmadi Muslim women have also embraced martyrdom and endured imprisonment for their faith.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said: *"Recently, a baseless allegation was made against an Ahmadi woman in Pakistan by non-Ahmadi extremists. As a result, she was jailed for months before finally being released on bail. She withstood this trial with exemplary patience and never weakened in faith. As Waqfat-e-Nau, you should seek to emulate and follow such pious examples. Be ready for whatever sacrifices are required by your faith and religion. For this, you must never forget Allah the Almighty."*

"Every day strive to strengthen your connection with Him [Allah the Almighty]. Study the Holy Qur'an and seek to understand Allah's teachings and commands. Only then will you grasp the true value, essence, and importance of making sacrifices for the sake of your faith. Then, whenever you have a chance to make a sacrifice for your faith, instead of feeling pain or loss, you will experience heartfelt joy and delight. You will view sacrifices not as a hardship but as a blessing and opportunity to draw closer to your Creator."

During the address, Huzoor^{aa} repeatedly reiterated the importance of acquiring knowledge, particularly of the Holy Quran and the writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

Huzoor^{aa} said: *"As is often said, 'knowledge is power'. So, if you have religious knowledge, it will not only strengthen your faith but will also empower you to respond to the opponents of Islam and to guide those who are weaker in faith."*

Following this, Huzoor^{aa} stressed the spiritual role of the Waqfat-e-Nau, highlighting the importance of winning the hearts of mankind through love and compassion.

"It is not a physical battlefield upon which you have been called to serve. Rather, it is in the spiritual arena that you have presented yourself for duty. And your task is to enlighten mankind to the truth and magnificence of the teachings of Islam. So, even more than other Ahmadi Muslims, it is your duty to stand on the frontline and to be at the vanguard of defending Islam and the noble character of the Holy Prophet of Islam^{sa} and to win the hearts of mankind through the power of love and kindness."

Huzoor^{aa} concluded with prayers for Waqfat-e-Nau to remain loyal and obedient to God Almighty, fulfilling their pledge to serve their faith with distinction throughout their lives

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RESPONSIBILITIES OF WAQIFEEN-E-NAU

HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH V^{AA}
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On Sunday, 27 April, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, presided over the UK's Waqifeen-e-Nau Ijtema 2025. The gathering convened at Baitul Futuh Mosque Complex in London, with Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} addressing the participants via livestream from Islamabad, UK.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} conveyed "Assalamu alaikum," and then invited Ehsan Ahmad Sahib to recite a portion of the Holy Quran (Surah an-Nur, verses 55-57). Adeel Tayyab Sahib and Fuad Alam Sahib provided the Urdu and English translations of these Quranic verses, respectively. Abdul-Hai Sarmad Sahib presented an Urdu poem authored by the Promised Messiah^{as}, followed by its English translation by Dawood Khan Sahib.

Huzoor^{aa} then invited Dr Anas Rana Sahib, Secretary Waqf-e-Nau UK, to present the ijtema report. Dr Rana Sahib mentioned that for the Ijtema the waqifeen were divided into age-based groups, which embarked on their respective activities. The sessions in the ijtema covered topics like the *Superiority of Islam*, *The Essence of True Khilafat*, and *The Life of a Waqif-e-Zindagi*. Dr Rana Sahib mentioned that the total number of male waqifeen-e-nau over the age of seven was 3490. The total attendance of this year's Waqf-e-Nau Ijtema was 1615, i.e., 46 per cent of the total *tajneed*, and the total attendance including guests was 2078.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} then took to the podium and delivered his address. After reciting *tashahhud*, *ta'awwuz*, and Surah al-Fatihah,

Huzoor^{aa} said: **"Today, with the grace of Allah, you are attending the National Waqf-e-Nau Ijtema, and I hope and pray that various programmes prove of benefit to you all."**

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} said that the number of waqifeen-e-nau is in thousands, but this number will only be of benefit if all of them fulfil their responsibilities and the needs of the Jamaat. Some of the waqifeen-e-nau join the Jamia to become missionaries and a few qualify in those professions required by the Jamaat, i.e., doctors,

teachers, etc.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said: **"Nonetheless, most of the waqifeen-e-nau comprise young men who have completed their secular education, and are now employed or doing their own private business. Such waqfeen should ask themselves what benefit they are providing the Jamaat."**

Huzoor^{aa} said that if they truly desire to fulfil their waqf, they must understand the demands of their pledge.

Huzoor^{aa} said: **"In simple terms, your pledge requires you to sincerely serve the Jamaat in whatever way or capacity is needed. It requires that even if you are working externally, you should ensure that alongside your worldly employment, you dedicate ample time and effort to fulfilling the needs of the Jamaat and your own spiritual development."**

Regarding dedicating one's life in the way of Allah the Almighty, the Promised Messiah^{as} said: "I consider it an obligation to advise my Community and convey this message to them, and each person is free to heed or ignore it, that if any of you desire salvation and a pure and everlasting existence, you ought to devote your life for the sake of Allah."

"Let every one of you strive and anxiously endeavour to reach the stage and rank where you can say that your life, your death, your sacrifices, your prayers are for Allah alone, and like the Prophet Abraham^{as}, may your soul proclaim أَشْهَدُ بِرَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ 'I have submitted to the Lord of the worlds.'

"Until an individual is immersed utterly in God and does not sacrifice their life in God's way, they cannot be granted a new existence. So, all of you who associate yourselves with me should recognise that I consider the dedication of my life for the sake of Allah to be the fundamental purpose of my existence."

"Accordingly, all of you ought to look deep within your souls and see if you prefer this action of mine for yourselves and hold dear dedication and devotion of your lives in the



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way of God."

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} highlighted that the above words are for all Ahmadis, but they **"apply specially to you as members of the waqf-e-nau scheme."**

Huzoor^{aa} advised that if one is obedient to Allah the Almighty, only then will the pledge of their waqf be fulfilled in the best possible way. This obedience would help them pray with complete sincerity, recite the Holy Quran, and study the books of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} said, **"With the grace of Allah, the number of waqifeen-e-nau worldwide is nearing one hundred thousand."** Huzoor^{aa} said if all of them are united in purpose and wholeheartedly ready to serve their faith, then we will witness a glorious transformation in the world, but we are very far away from achieving that.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} presented the current situation of the world. The peace and security of the world are shattered. The hatred and jealousy burn incessantly. Innocent souls are being massacred in wars and conflicts. In such circumstances, **"you must never underestimate your potential and mission,"** Huzoor^{aa} said to the waqifeen-e-nau.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} stated: **"As a waqif-e-nau, you are tasked with bringing about spiritual and moral revolution in the world. Most certainly, with the help of Allah, you can achieve this, but only if you faithfully uphold your pledge to spreading the beautiful teachings of Islam around the world. This should be your objective irrespective of whether you have entered the Jamaat's full-time service or not."**

Huzoor^{aa} reiterated that as a waqif-e-nau, the words of the

Promised Messiah^{as} presented above should be taken to heart and one should tirelessly strive to act upon them. The Promised Messiah^{as}, while discussing the essence of dedication, referred to the example of Hazrat Ibrahim^{as} as described in the Holy Quran:

"And of Abraham, who fulfilled [the commandments]"
(Surah an-Najm, Ch. 53: V. 38).

Huzoor^{aa} emphasised that **"Every waqf-e-nau should understand that failing to fulfil one's pledge is not a small or trivial matter. Rather, Allah the Almighty has said that He will hold those who do not fulfil their pledges accountable."**

Huzoor^{aa} mentioned that **"The Promised Messiah^{as} said: 'Unless a person is prepared to completely extinguish his attachment to the world and all its pleasure and prestige, and endure every humiliation, hardship and adversity for God Almighty, the quality of faithfulness cannot be born.'"**

Huzoor^{aa} explained that every breath and movement of a person should be governed solely by a desire to follow the commands of God Almighty. Every humiliation and hardship should be endured for Allah the Almighty.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said: **"Only if a person achieves this state can he be considered to have lived up to his pledge of devoting his life to the service of God."**

Huzoor^{aa} highlighted another aspect of fulfilling one's pledge that all kinds of idol worship must be shunned. He mentioned that **"The Promised Messiah^{as} said: 'Idol worship is not limited to obvious acts, such as worshipping a tree or a stone. It is not limited to the followers of those religions or beliefs who worship the sun, the moon or the stars, nor is it limited to those who revere certain human**

beings to such an extent that they become their idols. In reality, every single thing that proves an obstacle in the path of Allah or takes precedence over Him is an idol."

Huzoor^{aa} advised that for a *waqif-e-zindagi*, nothing should become an impediment in the worship of God, spiritual development or pursuit of religious knowledge. Worldly desires must never reach such levels that they become idols.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} again presented the example of Hazrat Ibrahim^{as}. He attained the elevated status because he was ready to sacrifice everything without hesitation or any conditions. He was ready to sacrifice his son, but Allah intervened and saved him from unimaginable pain and sorrow. On another occasion, God Almighty saved him from the fire of his opponents.

Huzoor^{aa} said: ***"Every waqf-e-nau must therefore seek to become the beloved of Allah, as I have said, whether you are working outside the Jamaat or serving full-time within it, does not matter. Each of you should be ready for every sacrifice your faith requires of you. You must be ready to tolerate any pain or hardship that may come your way for the sake of God Almighty."***

Huzoor^{aa} emphasised that merely carrying the title of *waqf-e-nau* is of no benefit. There is no benefit to being a *waqif-e-nau* if they do not raise their moral standards, recite the Holy Quran or offer five daily prayers. As a *waqif-e-nau*, one should be a role model for others. Otherwise, it is a mere deception.

The Promised Messiah^{as} says that after performing one

or two good deeds, some people think they have done enough to gain the love of God. But in actuality, complete obedience and steadfastness are required, as was demonstrated by the companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Huzoor^{aa} highlighted that for this reason, he presented their qualities and sacrifices in his Friday sermons.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said: ***"So if, as you leave this ijtema, you pledge to fulfil your duties in a better way but then forget all I have said by the time you reach home, there is no benefit of you being a waqif-e-nau, neither to the Jamaat nor to you personally. Above all, Allah has no interest in such so-called waqifeen-e-zindagi. Most of you have reached an age of maturity, so every day, you should hold yourselves to account and assess as to what extent you have fulfilled the demands of your waqf."***

Towards the end, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said: ***"May Allah enable all of you to inculcate the true spirit required of a waqif-e-nau and fulfil that purpose for which you have dedicated your lives and for which you have gathered today to attend this ijtema. "May all of you as waqifeen-e-nau play an outstanding role in conveying the message of Islam and Ahmadiyyat to every corner of the world. Amin."***

After concluding his address, Huzoor^{aa} led everyone in silent prayer.

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As Ahmadi Muslims, never forget who you are and what you represent. Be aware that, as you strive to further the cause of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community through Tabligh (outreach efforts), those who hear your message will ask what distinguishes the people who have accepted the Promised Messiah^(as)



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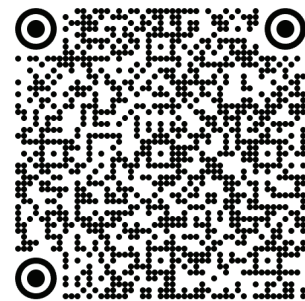


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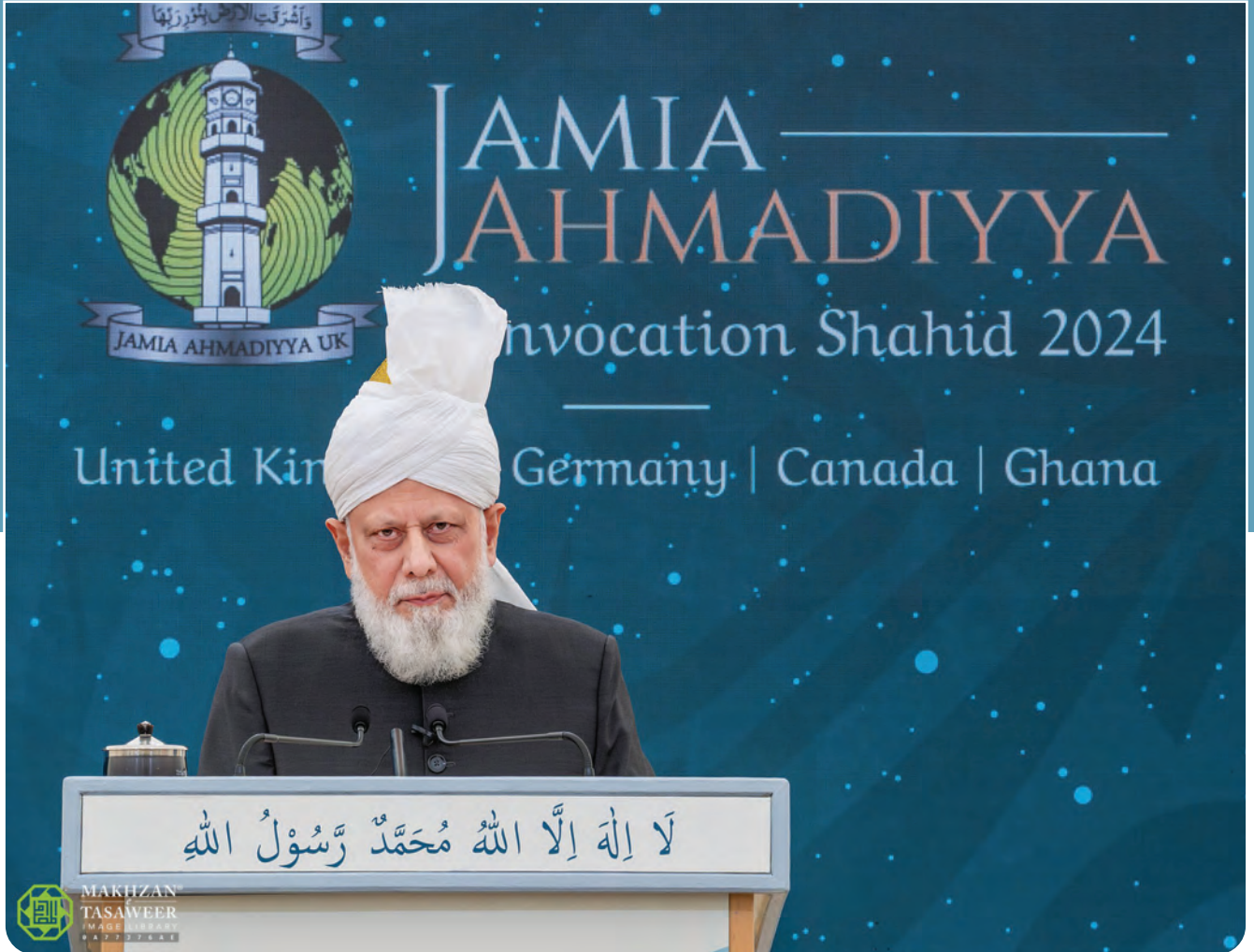


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GUIDANCE TO THE NEW MISSIONARIES

HUZOOR'S^{AA} ADDRESS AT JAMIA AHMADIYYA CONVOCATION CEREMONY



On Sunday, 4 May 2025, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, graced the Jamia Ahmadiyya convocation ceremony – including graduates from the UK, Germany, Canada and Ghana – held on the Jamia Ahmadiyya UK campus in Haslemere. While the UK, Canada, and Germany graduates were physically present, the graduates and representatives from Ghana joined virtually.

This year, graduates of three *jamias* received their Shahid's degrees from Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa}; 14 graduates from Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada (class of 2024), 16 from Jamia Ahmadiyya Germany (class of 2024) and 18 from Jamia Ahmadiyya UK (class of 2024). 24 graduates of Jamia Ahmadiyya Ghana (class of 2025), who joined the session via video link, were presented their degrees with the permission of Huzoor^{aa} by the Amir of Ghana, Noor Mohammed Bin Salih Sahib.

The session commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Faris Ahmad Nasim Sahib, who recited verses 160-164 of Surah al-An'am, and Hafiz Syed Abdul Hadi Sahib presented the Urdu translation. Abdul Haye Sarmad

Sahib was then called to recite an Urdu poem written by Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra}.

Representatives of the four *jamias*, i.e., Fareed Ahmad Naveed Sahib, Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya Ghana (via livestream from Ghana); Daud Hanif Sahib, Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya Canada; Shamshad Ahmad Qamar Sahib, Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya Germany; and Zaheer Ahmad Khan Sahib, Academic Director Jamia UK, presented their brief reports respectively.

Thereafter, Zaheer Khan Sahib announced the names of all graduates, and the three classes came up one by one to receive their Shahid's degrees from Huzoor^{aa}.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} then came to the podium to deliver his address to the graduates. After reciting *tashahhud*, *ta'awwuz* and Surah al-Fatihah, Huzoor^{aa} said:

"Alhamdulillah! Today, you are departing with your Shahid's degrees. The principals of various jamias have presented their reports, which are indeed very heartening.

They have also expressed the hope that Allah the Almighty will grant us the ability to continue fulfilling the true purpose of Jamia in the future as well, and that you will emerge as genuine soldiers of faith, tasked with spreading the message of Allah and His Messenger^{sa} throughout the world.

"May Allah enable their pious wishes and prayers - and the sentiments they expressed in their reports, as well as those they wished to express but were unable to due to time constraints - to be fully realised." Amin.

Huzoor^{aa} stated that this is indeed a joyous occasion, and the parents of the graduates share in this happiness. However, the graduates must reflect deeply on certain questions: Are they truly prepared to serve the Jamaat? Have they fully equipped themselves with the necessary knowledge to serve Islam effectively? Are they making every effort to gain a thorough mastery over the writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}?

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} admonished that if the graduates fail to continuously study the Holy Quran, Hadith, and the writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}, they will gradually lose their command and will be unable to effectively counter opponents or respond to critical questions. Therefore, they must remain committed to advancing their knowledge and deepening their study. He advised the graduates to pledge that they will persistently strive to increase their knowledge and wisdom.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} emphasised that true knowledge and insight cannot be attained without the help of Allah the Almighty. Thus, the graduates must also excel in their worship, seeking closeness to God. As their speeches reference the exemplary lives of the Companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} and the Promised Messiah^{as}, the missionaries should themselves aspire to reach those high standards.

Huzoor^{aa} said: ***"So, on this joyous occasion today, make a pledge that as you step into practical life, you will strive to bring about a new kind of transformation within yourselves. Your priorities will not be worldly desires, but rather the pursuit of spiritual and intellectual advancement. When this becomes your focus, you will undoubtedly be counted among those who are striving to fulfil the mission of the Promised Messiah^{as} - a mission about which he has repeatedly reminded members of the Jamaat, emphasising that this is how it ought to be."***

Huzoor^{aa} emphasised that the graduates must critically assess whether they are meeting the expectations set before them. In addition, missionaries should be well-versed in the Jamaat's rules, regulations, and administrative structure. They must have a thorough understanding of the Jamaat's principles and its various departments.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} highlighted that one of the key departments is the Majlis-e-Shura, and it is essential for missionaries to be familiar with its regulations. He recounted an incident where a missionary was unaware of the Shura's procedures, underscoring the importance of acquiring comprehensive knowledge of all departments.

Huzoor^{aa} advised that a missionary's effectiveness depends not only on spiritual dedication but also on a clear understanding of the organisational framework.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} urged the missionaries to reflect deeply on their personal spiritual discipline: Are they regularly offering at least an hour of *Tahajjud* prayer? Are they consistent and diligent in performing the five daily prayers? Are they fulfilling their *nawafil* (voluntary prayers) properly? He further encouraged them to evaluate whether they are actively striving to enhance their knowledge and understanding.

Huzoor^{aa} stressed the importance of time management based on hours, advising missionaries to assess how their time is allocated: How many hours are dedicated to *tabligh*? How much time is devoted to the *tarbiyat* of the Jamaat members? How much effort is made to help children of the Jamaat in learning and reciting the Holy Quran? Huzoor^{aa} reminded them that their time does not belong to themselves, but to the Jamaat, and they must devote it wholeheartedly to serving its members.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} stated: ***"You who are seated before me today are new missionaries. Reflect on the fact that you have devoted yourselves for the sake of Allah and made a solemn pledge; therefore, you must now strive to fulfil that pledge."***

Huzoor^{aa} advised that new missionaries should carefully observe and emulate good examples, while disregarding any negative ones. Missionaries are expected to be role models; otherwise, merely earning a degree holds little significance, as it can be achieved with relatively modest effort.

Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} also reminded those working in administrative offices that they, too, must continue to enhance and refine their knowledge, as they might one day be appointed to fieldwork. He noted that opponents of Islam continuously raise new allegations, and missionaries must be well-prepared to respond effectively.

Huzoor^{aa} reiterated that wherever missionaries are posted, they must remain steadfast in deepening their study of the Holy Quran, Hadith, and the writings of the Promised Messiah^{as}. This commitment must persist even after graduating from Jamia.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} further advised missionaries to cultivate self-control, patience, and maintain the highest moral standards. They should not become agitated by people's questions, nor should they react with impatience or harshness. Instead, missionaries must embody exemplary conduct, setting a standard for their own children and fostering understanding and respect from their spouses, who will recognise them as true spiritual guides.

Huzoor^{aa} pointed out that today, missionaries' living expenses are well provided for - something that was not always the case. He cited his own experience in Ghana, where missionaries lived on minimal allowances yet never voiced complaints. He encouraged today's missionaries to reflect on how best to show gratitude to Allah and underscored that simplicity remains a vital quality for every missionary.

Addressing the graduates from Ghana, Huzoor^{aa} noted that the facilities and comforts available today were absent in the past, yet earlier missionaries served happily and with dedication. He urged present-day missionaries to remain thankful to Allah the Almighty.



Huzoor^{aa} said: *"Everyone should always reflect on this - whether they are still studying, have just graduated today, or are already serving in the field - that we must uphold our dedication in a manner that is purely for the sake of Allah's pleasure. We must not allow any worldly desires to dominate us, no matter where we are posted. At all times, we must be prepared to sacrifice and devote ourselves fully to the work of faith."*

Huzoor^{aa} admonished that if missionaries remain fully prepared to fulfil the responsibilities of the Jamaat, they will naturally lead the way in completing tasks across all departments.

At the end, Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} said: *"You must understand your responsibilities [...] and keep yourselves ever ready for every sacrifice. This is the pledge that truly brings lasting joy - not merely receiving a certificate at today's ceremony."*

"Such pledges, when made sincerely, are the ones that transform the world. You have joined the army of life devotees of the Promised Messiah^{as}, with the purpose of establishing the sovereignty of the One God across the world and raising the flag of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, in every corner of the earth."

"Therefore, if you have made this pledge, you must also make practical efforts to fulfil it. When such efforts are made, they will make you inheritors of Allah's grace. And when one attains the grace of Allah, what more could one

"Your priorities will not be worldly desires, but rather the pursuit of spiritual and intellectual advancement."

desire? May Allah enable you and all of us to be among those who receive these blessings." Amin.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} then led everyone in silent prayer, bringing the convocation ceremony to a conclusion.

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MAJLIS-E-SHURA

HUZOOR'S^{AA} ADDRESS TO
UK AND CANADA SHURA 2025

On Saturday, 24 May 2025, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih V, may Allah be his Helper, addressed the participants of *Majlis-e-Shura* UK and Canada via livestream from Islamabad, UK.

After conveying "*Assalamo Alaikum*," Hazrat Amirul Momineen^{aa} called Hafiz Fazle Rabbi Sahib to recite a portion of the Holy Quran, who recited verses 59-60 of Surah an-Nisa'. This was followed by the English translation of the verses, presented by Jonathan Butterworth Sahib.

Thereafter, Huzoor^{aa} took to the podium and recited *tashahhud*, *ta'awwuz*, and Surah al-Fatihah. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} then said:

"With the grace of Allah, this weekend the UK Jamaat is holding its Majlis-e-Shura, and at the same time, Canada Jamaat and Belgium Jamaat are also holding their shura today. And it is my sincere hope and I pray that Allah the Almighty enables all of you to fulfil its profound objectives."

Huzoor^{aa} said that the views, opinions and insights offered by *shura* delegates should be anchored in the indispensable principle of justice, integrity and righteousness.

He mentioned that this year, the Jamaat elections are also being held. In light of this, the message and instruction to each of you is that you should cast your vote for those individuals whom you genuinely believe most appropriate for the various elected offices.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} advised never to let personal ties or friendships cloud judgement. Always remember that the basis of every act should be *taqwa* (righteousness). Otherwise, the purpose of *shura* will remain unfulfilled.

Huzoor^{aa} highlighted that only a few decades had passed since the time of the Promised Messiah^{as} when Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} established the institution of *Majlis-e-Shura* in the Jamaat and many delegates who took part in that *shura* were not born Ahmadis. And today, there are also many who have taken the bai'at in recent times and they are also taking part in the *shura*.

Upon establishing this institution, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} gave many instructions through his various speeches and lectures. All of them underscored the true essence and status of *Majlis-e-Shura* and the sanctity of its proceedings. They have been compiled and published in the form of books. Each member of *shura* and office bearers should read them to understand the immense magnitude and the weight of their responsibilities.

Huzoor^{aa} then presented some fundamental principles from the blessed guidance of Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra}, who stated:

"The supreme aspiration and the foremost priority for every member of the Majlis-e-Shura must be to attain the pleasure of Allah. In reality, only if a person's true objective is to gain Allah's love can they present their views and opinions with absolute integrity, unwavering justice, and free from all forms of self-interest."

Fundamental to gaining Allah's love is sacrifice. In this regard, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} said that all of us, to a certain extent, have sacrificed our relationships, friendships, wishes, and opinions for the sake of gaining the love of Allah the Almighty. However, he cautioned that even those who have sacrificed for Allah's love are not immune to negligence or weakness. If one deviates from the path of Allah, they risk severing their connection altogether from Allah. However, the world will not offer any solace or compassion, but rather, they will treat such a person with anger and disdain. Such a person would be cut adrift from both the spiritual and worldly perspective.

Huzoor^{aa} advised that in all our actions, attaining the pleasure of Allah should be at the forefront of our minds. We must utterly vanquish our ego and quell our selfish desires. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said:

"Rest assured that if every shura member and every office-bearer prioritises attaining the love of Allah above all else, then no worldly system, no human organisation, and no community on earth shall ever rival that of our Jamaat."

In this regard, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} said that the attainment of the nearness of God Almighty is not an ordinary thing. It requires such sacrifices that do not match any other sacrifice. The fact that people are ready to sacrifice for Allah is not of importance, but the intention is what matters most. In most cases, sacrifices are made to attain honour and power. However, those sacrifices are not beneficial and do not lead to spiritual success because the objective is not to attain God's nearness.

Huzoor^{aa} advised that the sacrifices driven by tainted motives can never yield benefits. Many people sacrificed their lives and yet they failed to attain the love of God. Many people presented immense monetary sacrifices but yet failed to attain God's love. Similarly, many people sacrificed their honour but remained distant from God. Many people often gave their property but still remained in the clutches of Satan. Hence, people offer their time and even their nation, but still they remain far from God. The reason is that such sacrifices were not presented to attain the love of God.

In this context, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} states that beyond all other forms of sacrifices, the ultimate sacrifice is one that demands the other to surrender one's desire and ego. For it is a person's desire and ego that they prize above all else.

Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} said:

"On the surface, it may seem that the person is making sacrifices for the sake of his nation, country, and honour, but in reality, he is motivated by his ego. It is a reflection of how he considered himself to be most worthy. He is only willing to make sacrifices because they align with his wishes and opinions. He makes sacrifices to ensure that his wishes are fulfilled. However, God Almighty says that the type of sacrifice that leads to Him is one where a person foregoes and sacrifices his deepest desires and inclinations."

Huzoor^{aa} emphasised that this shows that it is not enough to sacrifice one's wealth, knowledge, time, and even one's life to gain nearness to God. Rather, He requires one to sacrifice their ego and forego all forms of self-importance.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said: ***"Therefore, as you partake***

in Majlis-e-Shura, and as office bearers, throughout the year, you should reflect upon these words and search deep within your souls."

Huzoor^{aa} advised to assess whether the sacrifices being made are purely for attaining the love and pleasure of God Almighty, or if they are just to retain the status and honour in the Jamaat. If it is the latter, then there is no benefit to such a position or office, and there is no benefit of being a representative at the shura.

Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} said that until a person entirely extinguishes the concept of "me," he will not be accepted by God because such a person, in reality, is guilty of associating a partner with Him. Such a person can verbally say that there is none worthy of worship except God, but within his mind and heart, he elevates his own status to such a level that it is akin to associating partners with God Almighty.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} gave an example of a man who fought alongside the Holy Prophet^{sa} and his Companions^{ra} during one battle. He fought with such courage against the opponents that many Companions^{ra} heaped praise upon him. However, the Holy Prophet^{sa} observed him and remarked that he was destined for hell. Everyone was surprised at how he was bound to hell because he fought with such bravery and courage. One of the Companions^{ra} followed that person closely with the conviction that the words of the Holy Prophet^{sa} could never be false. The companion observed that the said person was seriously injured and was not able to tolerate the pain. Thus, he took his spear and leaned forward so that his chest was pierced. As a result, he died by suicide. Moreover, before that person passed away, he said that he was not fighting in the cause of Allah but rather to settle his personal scores.

Huzoor^{aa} explained Islam teaches that a person who commits suicide lacks trust in God and, as a result, becomes deprived of His mercy. Hence, that man was deprived of the status of a martyr. Ultimately, he was fighting for himself and not for God Almighty. In this way, the words of the Holy Prophet^{sa} were proved true to the letter.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said: ***"In terms of the Jamaat elections, those who have been elected or may be [elected] in the coming days, should recognise that if their names are approved to serve the Jamaat, they must strive to fulfil their duties purely for the sake of Allah the Almighty, rather than to impress other people or to seek to demonstrate what they consider to be their qualities."***

Huzoor^{aa} gave the example of the Secretary Tabligh that he should not think that it was only due to his efforts that they achieved the target of *bai'ats*. Secretary Maal should not think that it was due to his efforts that all the targets of *chanda* were completed. Secretary Talim should not say that the Talim Department's achievements were contingent upon him. Secretary Umur-e-Aama should not consider that his success was due to his personal skills.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said: ***"None of you should ever think that the Jamaat's success is due to your efforts, skills or capabilities. To the contrary, if you genuinely believe in your heart that whatever has been achieved was due only to the blessings of Allah and that without His help you are nothing, you will see how the blessings of Allah will rain down upon you and how He will reward whatever***

sacrifices have been made for His sake. It will yield magnificent and fragrant fruits and will symbolise and demonstrate the continued progress of our Jamaat. And it shall be the means of elevating your status in the eyes of Allah the Almighty."

Huzoor^{aa} cautioned that if one lets their ego take root, then instead of prosperity, they would encounter harm and destruction. So, every Jamaat's office-bearer must recognise the objectives, which are, and always will be, the same as those with which the Promised Messiah^{as} was sent by God Almighty and those were to bring mankind closer to their Creator, to establish the Oneness of God, and to fulfil the needs of mankind. So, if in our hearts lies even a trace of impurity or if we come to possess the idol of one's ego, then it is not possible for an idol worshiper to establish the Oneness of God.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} reiterated: ***"Thus, if the concept of 'me' continues to exist within your heart, you will not achieve anything of substance."***

Huzoor^{aa} advised that if one remains faithful to Allah, they shall witness the blessings of Allah at every turn and corner. "Such people are those who become a means of true support and help for Khilafat," he said.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} highlighted that as office bearers, every work is a trust. Any duty that is given by the Jamaat or the Khalifa should be performed for the sake and pleasure of Allah the Almighty. Such a mindset will prove to be a means of success and salvation. Huzoor^{aa} said:

"Every office-bearer and delegate should remember and recognise that arrogance is a huge vice and sin, which we must avoid at all costs." One should never become arrogant when one observes the blessings of Allah.

Huzoor^{aa} admonished that the implementation of the decisions is also very important. One should not forget the tasks and responsibilities after delivering passionate speeches at the *shura*. Therefore, one should review previous decisions and seek to implement the recommendations made at this year's *shura*. If they are approved, one must strive to fulfil them in a timely and appropriate manner.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} said ***"Set an example of hard work, sincerity, and readiness for all possible sacrifices for younger Ahmadis to learn from and emulate. If and when you serve your faith in this way, you will be amongst those who abide by and implement the decisions made during the shura."***

Huzoor^{aa} guided that during the proceedings of the *shura*, if any point is already mentioned, then there is no need to waste time and present it again. As mentioned earlier, one should keep aside their ego.

Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} said: ***"Remember, there is only one thing that sets us apart and upon which we can take pride and that is that we have listened to Allah the Almighty and accepted the call of a crier of this era and believed in him and have presented ourselves to further his blessed mission."***

Huzoor^{aa} said: ***"As I have said, this is what distinguishes us, and having accepted the Promised Messiah^{as}, it is incumbent upon us to constantly elevate the standard of***

our love and the fear of Allah the Almighty."

"If this is your guiding principle, then insha-Allah, you will play your role in igniting the spiritual revolution for which the Promised Messiah^{as} was sent and for which all of you have accepted him and for which the members of the Jamaat have entrusted you to represent them here today. Only with this understanding and spirit can this shura be truly deemed a success."

"May Allah the Almighty, with grace and mercy, enable all of you to perceive this and grant you the ability to achieve the true objectives of the shura. Amin."

Huzoor^{aa} then addressed the gathering in Urdu, providing guidance in that language, as it was better understood by many present and those listening in other countries. Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} stated:

"It is absolutely essential for us to seek the pleasure and happiness of God Almighty in all our undertakings, and to efface our egos in the process. If every shura member - indeed, every office-bearer - were to keep this principle at the forefront of their conduct, a remarkable system could be established within our Jamaat, one that would be unparalleled elsewhere."

In this context, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} once stated that attaining nearness to God is no ordinary matter; it demands a sacrifice so profound that it stands unmatched among all other forms of sacrifice.

Huzoor^{aa} then reiterated the earlier points made by Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud^{ra} regarding the need for self-effacement and the spirit of sacrifice for the sake of Allah the Almighty.

In the end, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} led everyone in silent prayer.

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"The supreme aspiration and the foremost priority for every member of the Majlis-e-Shura must be to attain the pleasure of Allah."

46TH MAJLIS SHURA UK REPORT

PROCEEDINGS AND DELIBERATIONS



The 46th Majlis Shura of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association United Kingdom was held in Baitul Futuh Mosque, Morden, Surrey on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May 2025. Respected Amir Sahib UK - Mr Rafiq Ahmed Hayat presided over the 2 days of the consultative conference. The attendance was as follows:

- Majlis Amila 41/42
- Field Missionaries: 37/38
- President and Delegates: 489/507
- Men Special Invitees: 12/12
- Lajna Delegates 8/8
- Lajna Special Invitees 3/3

Total: 590/610

The Shura commenced at 10.00 a.m. with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Naseem Bajwa Sahib and translation by Nasir Adam Sahib. Respected Amir Sahib then led the silent prayers. The General Secretary UK - Dr Maqbool Sani Sethi Sahib made announcements informing the delegates

of various items related to the Majlis Shura.

This was followed by Secretaries who presented their Implementation reports on the recommendations of each proposal discussed and approved by Huzur Aqdas (may Allah be his Helper) at the 2024 Majlis Shura.

Secretary Tarbiyyat - Nisar Orchard Sahib reported on the implementation of the approved recommendations of the Tarbiyyat proposals 24.02 and 24.03

Secretary Finance - Sultan Lone Sahib reported on the implementation of the approved recommendations of the Finance Proposals 23.01 and 24.04

After the Tilawat by Hafiz Fazle Rabbi Sahib and the translation by Jonathan Butterworth Sahib, Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} delivered an address in English and Urdu to the Majlis Shura Delegates from Islamabad.

In summary, Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} reminded the Shura delegates of the sacred trust placed upon them and urged them to uphold their duties with humility, Taqwa and a pure



intention to serve the cause of Islam Ahmadiyyat.

General Secretary Sahib - Dr Maqbool Sani Sethi then read the rejected proposals, which contained additional instruction from the Markaz, and the reasons cited by Majlis Amila UK to the Majlis Shura delegates. Regarding one of the rejected proposals, Huzoor^{aa} had instructed that a detailed report should be presented in the Shura on how many National Secretaries had contacted their local secretaries and what work was carried out. This report was presented by General Secretary Sahib to the Majlis Shura delegates.

Respected Amir Sahib then addressed the Majlis Shura Delegates. In his address, Respected Amir Sahib addressed the global instability and emphasised Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} warnings about the dangers of injustice, particularly the risk of a Third World War. He highlighted the Jama'at's proactive approach to emergency preparedness and its investments in self-sufficiency through solar energy and water wells.

Respected Amir Sahib then emphasised the challenges posed by social media and AI that the Jama'at was

encountering, particularly regarding their effects on the youth. Initiatives to address the challenges were highlighted, such as the regular Holy Qur'an and Tarbiyat classes that were being held in the regions throughout the country and at institutions such as Jamia Ahmadiyya and Ayesha Academy. He talked about the spiritual and social impact of the Fazl Mosque centenary, another significant event that took place last year.

Respected Amir Sahib denounced the unjust persecution of Ahmadis in Pakistan and informed the delegates of the UK Jama'at's ongoing parliamentary and public advocacy initiatives. He highlighted events such as Jalsa Salana 2024, along with the numerous humanitarian and outreach initiatives that took place throughout the UK. Respected Amir Sahib then presented a summary of the work carried out by each department, highlighting their progress, achievements, and contributions over the past year while expressing gratitude for their efforts. He concluded his address with prayers for the continued progress of the Jama'at under the blessings of Khilafat.

Zohr and Asr prayers were offered at 2.45 pm followed by the formation of Sub-Committees. Three Sub-committees were formed to deliberate over the proposals and submit



their recommendations to the Majlis Shura.

The second session chaired by Respected Imam Sahib commenced with Tilawat and translation presented by Mutaraf Ahmad Sahib. An extract of Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} Friday sermon of 18th August 2023 concerning the responsibilities of members when voting in elections was subsequently presented to the delegates.

The election for the Majlis Amila UK was then conducted by Respected Imam Sahib, this was followed by dinner and Maghrib and Isha Prayers.

The Sub-committee deliberations started after Maghrib and Isha Prayers.

The third session of the Majlis Shura started at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday 25th May with the recitation and translation of the Holy Quran by Usman Manan Sahib. Respected Amir Sahib then led the silent prayers. Huzoor Aqdas^{aa}

had instructed that whatever programme/plan has been devised to safeguard and assist Jama'at members, should there be an extreme event such as a World War, is to be implemented and presented to the Shura. The Majlis Shura delegates were presented with this plan by Naseer Dean Sahib and Muddassar Ahmed Sahib.

Thereafter, the Majlis Shura received a report from the Tarbiyat, General and Finance Sub-Committees in turn and then deliberated on the recommendations made by each of them. The recommendations of the sub-committees that constitute the final recommendations were formally agreed for submission to Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} for guidance and approval.

Respected Amir Sahib then thanked the delegates for their contributions. He ended the session with silent prayers. Zohr and Asr prayers were offered at 3.15 pm followed by lunch.

KHILAFAT DAY JALSA AT BAITUL FUTUH

Report by Mubarak Siddiqi Sahib,
Regional Amir Baitul Futuh Region



On Tuesday, 27th May, at 7:00 PM, a Khilafat Day Jalsa was held at Baitul Futuh. By the grace of Allah Almighty, despite it being a working day, the attendance was close to 1,500, while around 15,000 people watched the event live through our YouTube link.

Respected Naseem Ahmad Bajwa Sahib recited the Holy Qur'an along with its translation. Waseem Ahmad Sahib presented a poem written by the Promised Messiah^{as}, and respected Umar Sharif Sahib recited a poem on the blessings of Khilafat.

To begin the programme, two Atfal and two Khuddam delivered two-minute speeches each on the theme of the blessings of Khilafat. This was followed by an English speech delivered by Mirza Rabeeb Ahmad Sahib, a missionary of the community. After

him, respected Zaheer Ahmad Khan Sahib, also a missionary, addressed the audience in Urdu.

Following the speeches, a short quiz on the topic of Khilafat was conducted. Medals were distributed among those who gave correct answers.

At the end of the programme, Respected Rafiq Ahmad Hayat Sahib, Amir Jama'at UK gave a concluding speech on the blessings of Khilafat. He mentioned that such gatherings are usually held on a Saturday or Sunday, but since Khilafat in the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community began on 27th May, the event was held on this very date to keep the memory of this great day alive, especially for the children so they understand its significance. He expressed his happiness at the large turnout despite it being a



working day and praised the parents for bringing their children. He spoke about the great blessing that Khilafat is and the responsibilities that come with being grateful for such a blessing. He also reflected on the early days of the Community in the UK and the progress made in the UK and globally due to the blessings of Khilafat.

He urged parents to instil love for the Khalifa of the time in their children's hearts, to regularly listen to the sermons and addresses of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa}, to teach them obedience to the Jama'at's system, and to ensure their children attend the educational and moral training classes held in our mosques. He emphasized that the best way to protect children from the excessive use of social media and mobile phones is to have them attend these classes which are held four days a week in most of our mosques and mission houses.

He also gave some examples of people who accepted

Ahmadiyyat after watching Hazrat Khalifatul Masih^{aa} on MTA and listening to his sermons. He urged everyone to always remember Hazrat Ameerul Momineen^{aa} and his family in their prayers.

The event concluded with a silent prayer. Before the prayer, medals were distributed among the young speakers and those who gave correct answers in the quiz.

We were very heartened to see that a large number of youth were present among the audience.

Refreshment packs were presented to all attendees after the event.

Report. By Mubarak Siddiqi Regional Amir Baitul Futuh Region

WELCOME EVENT FOR NEW ARRIVALS

GUIDANCE AND SUPPORT FOR NEW MEMBERS



On 15 June 2025, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK organised a Welcome Dinner for those members who had immigrated to the UK during the past three years. These members came from all walks of life and included students, newly married spouses and families who have relocated for work or just to be closer to Khilafat.

The purpose of this gathering was to welcome the new members, assist with their integration into the UK Jama'at, and to inform them that the UK Jama'at stood ready to provide ongoing support if required.

The session was presided over by Respected Rafiq Ahmed Hayat Sahib, Amir Jama'at UK. Respected Amir Sahib offered guidance to new members on several topics, encouraging them to maintain regular contact with the Jamaat and to visit the mosque consistently. He reminded them that regardless of their reason for migrating to the UK, they should act with integrity and truthfulness throughout their settlement process. He advised against employing dishonesty in pursuit of perceived benefits and assured them that the Jamaat would provide support whenever challenges arise.

Respected Amir Sahib outlined the various provisions available for the moral development and education of children and youth, including institutions such as Aisha Academy, Noor Academy and Jamia Ahmadiyya UK. He emphasised that parents should keep a close eye on their children as they settle into the UK, and that they should ensure children are closely linked with their respective auxiliary organisations. He mentioned that the UK, like every country in the world is suffering from negative aspects of social media and it is the parents responsibility to ensure their young children are not trapped by this.

Respected Amir Sahib touched upon marriage as a foundation for a strong integration into the UK and advised

young individuals of marriageable age to consult the Rishta Nata department for assistance in finding a suitable life partner. He encouraged a focus on Islamic principles and prioritisation of faith over superficial attributes such as physical appearance, wealth, and other material considerations and stressed that all actions should be grounded in Taqwa.

During a question and answer session with the audience, Respected Amir Sahib addressed a variety of topics, including guidance for Ahmadi youth on appropriate conduct regarding the interaction between genders in the UK and the importance of pursuing success through perseverance rather than seeking shortcuts. He highlighted that newcomers may encounter challenges when securing suitable employment or career opportunities; however, sustained effort and diligence are essential for eventual success. Respected Amir Sahib cited the experience of Ahmadi who immigrated to the UK many years ago, noting that despite initial difficulties, their commitment to hard work and strong ties with the Jama'at led to positive outcomes. He reiterated the critical significance of maintaining a close connection with the Jamaat.

Throughout his address and answers to questions Respected Amir Sahib continuously encouraged members to cultivate a meaningful relationship with Allah the Almighty and maintain loyalty to Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya. He emphasised that these steps are essential for successful integration into the UK and for the achievement of personal aspirations. He also asked the audience repeatedly to pray for our beloved Huzooraa.

The programme concluded with silent prayer, followed by dinner. It was attended by 1,300 members from all walks of life and from all around the world.

UK PARLIAMENT DISCUSSES THE PLIGHT OF AHMADIS

THE RISING TIDE OF PERSECUTION IN PAKISTAN



By the Grace of Allah a very successful event was held in Parliament on the 7th of May 2025 entitled *The Rising Tide of Persecution in Pakistan*, marking 15 years since the Lahore Massacre. We were blessed with detailed guidance from beloved Huzur Aqdas^{aa} especially given current tensions in Pakistan and India.

We had 110 attendees including 60 external guests. Despite 4 votes taking place in Parliament 15 UK Parliamentarians attended (including 2 ministers), 2 Peers and 2 former MPs. We had good representation from NGOs, faith groups and academics, and speakers from all 3 parties at the event.

The UK PM's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion, David Smith MP, attended and spoke. Foreign Office Minister Hamish Falconer was due to come and kept sending messages of delayed arrival but in the end sent apologies due to live discussion on Kashmir. His two officials however attended the whole event.

The event was chaired jointly by Siobhain McDonagh MP and Lord Alton. The MPs (Siobhain McDonagh MP, Greg Stafford MP, Luke Taylor MP and David Smith MP) were very clear on their condemnation of the actions of extremists and said the Pakistan government must do much more to end the persecution, and that the APPG will continue to 'speak up and speak out' on this issue.

The panellists (Yasser Hamdani, Rabia Mehmood and Dr

Mary Hunter) were excellent and detailed how extremists like TLPs are posing a threat to Pakistan and how the anti-Ahmadi laws target Ahmadis specifically.

Respected Amir Sahib UK spoke in detail on the loyalty and service of Ahmadis to Pakistan and how that will remain regardless of the persecution. Respected Amir Sahib stressed that by tackling extremism the country will be more united and stronger and through that it will prosper.

A special leaflet was produced by the APPG detailing the 2010 attack and highlighting the worsening situation. The proceedings lasted 90 minutes with refreshments afterwards.

The guests were impressed by the event and said the talks were clear, powerful and moving. They were also impressed by the number of MPs who had attended. Alhamdulillah

Summary of Sessions

Opening Session:

Lord Alton opened the proceedings and highlighted that recent events in Pakistan are on everyone's minds.

Fareed Ahmad, National Secretary External Affairs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK, provided a brief background to the event and described the horrific



2010 Lahore attacks during Friday prayers that killed 86 worshippers including a British national. He called for all to stand united against extremism.

Lord Alton emphasised these tragedies and paid tribute to the Jamaat's work and thanked Fareed in his work to raise awareness.

A 2-minute video message was played from the UN Special Rapporteur for FORB, Dr Nazila Ghanea, in which she highlighted the importance of Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), which protects freedom of religion or belief. She also referenced Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), a binding international treaty. She stressed that both she and her predecessors have long been aware of the deteriorating situation in Pakistan and Pakistan is failing to uphold these rights especially for Ahmadi Muslims. She committed that she will continue to raise this with Pakistan and called for the persecution to stop.

Second Session:

Respected Rafiq Ahmed Hayat Sahib, Amir UK, spoke about the broader context of extremism. Respected Amir Sahib noted the worrying current situation between India and Pakistan and the ongoing threats of conflict globally.

He emphasised that despite facing persecution, Ahmadis have always been at the forefront in serving Pakistan. Ahmadis have played a prominent leadership role in the country. Hazrat Chaudhry Zafarullah Khan Sahib^{ra} and Professor Abdus Salam Sahib were notable Ahmadis who served Pakistan with distinction. Ahmadis have also fought for the country and serving in senior positions in the

armed forces. Despite this legacy, persecution continues to worsen which is driven by extremist ideologies.

He emphasised that the Pakistani government should take action to eliminate extremism and promote unity and stability. He noted how extremism has spilled over into the UK and in 2016, Assad Shah, was martyred in Glasgow. Anti-Ahmadi hatred has surfaced in Luton and in Walsall where councillors were involved in spreading anti-Ahmadiyya slogans to name a few incidents.

Respected Amir Sahib closed with a quote from His Holiness, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} on religious freedom.

Greg Stafford MP & Secretary of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community said he was honoured to have the headquarters in Islamabad in his constituency.

He mentioned that he receives regular briefings from the UK External Affairs team on issues affecting Ahmadis. Greg noted that he had written in his recent article about Ordinance XX, how it enforces a non-Muslim identity on Ahmadis. This was completely unacceptable, and he would continue to stand against such persecution and extremism.

He also wrote to the UK government regarding the destruction of a mosque in Daska and said he will continue to support Ahmadis to end the persecution and support their charitable work.

Yasser Latif Hamdani is an advocate for freedom of expression in Pakistan and former visiting fellow at Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program.



He spoke on the legal aspects of persecution. He highlighted that the core issue lies with the state trying to define who is considered a "Muslim." He recalled that Muhammad Ali Jinnah refused to expel an Ahmadi Muslim, highlighting early resistance to exclusionary definitions.

He stated that Pakistan's current policies contradict the founding promises of the country and pointed out the Anti-Ahmadi amendments to the constitution in the 1970s. The Pakistani constitution guarantees the right to propagate religion, but the 1984 law restricts this, creating a contradiction that criminalised Ahmadis for practising or propagating their faith.

He noted a recent High Court ruling stating that Ahmadis cannot hold any government position and must be referred to using derogatory terms such as "Qadiani" or "Mirzai." He raised the fact that despite inciting violence, TLP (Tehreek-e-Labbaik Pakistan) has been registered as a political party and continues to operate freely and enjoys political legitimacy.

He concluded by saying that blasphemy laws are being misused – often resulting in accusations and attacks without due process.

Rabia Mehmood, an independent Journalist and Researcher from Pakistan, previously worked with Amnesty International and covered the 2010 Lahore Mosque attacks.

Rabia shared her shock and despair as she witnessed firsthand, young children and women traumatised by the attacks. She highlighted disinformation from Pakistani journalists and spoke of how young people felt let down by the State.

She spoke bravely and warned that TLP was ushering in a new wave of anti-Ahmadi violence, as seen tragically last month, where Ahmadis were killed purely for their faith, with no pretence of justification.

She noted that TLP gained strength in the mid-2010s, particularly after the murder of Punjab Governor Salman Taseer, whose assassin was lionised by supporters. She detailed how extremist groups are playing havoc in Pakistan, especially targeting Ahmadis, and this must be stopped.

Dr. Mary Hunter, Director of Research at the Policy Research Institute for South Asia.

She emphasised that the 1984 laws are the root of anti-Ahmadi sentiment and that anti-Ahmadi laws have expanded far beyond their original remit, for example Ahmadis are prohibited by extremists from having minarets, even though there is no legal basis for such enforcement. She pointed out that despite a ruling by the Lahore High Court declaring such restrictions unconstitutional, they continue, and this highlights a failure of the State.

She highlighted how even the judiciary has bowed to pressure, referencing the Mubarak Sani case. Law enforcement officers have arrested Ahmadis even when they are within their legal rights, often citing TLP harassment. She noted this was a deeply worrying trend in Pakistan that has no justification.

David Smith MP is the UK Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion and Belief. He reflected that even in his short time in the role, it has become clear how difficult it is for Ahmadis to be heard. "It's important for you to know



you are being heard."

He mentioned that Minister Falconer, who leads on Pakistan, has visited the country multiple times and is engaging with the Pakistani government regularly on such issues.

He talked about in Pakistan an Ahmadi's identity is enough for some to see them as "undesirable," and described the current situation as unacceptable. He reaffirmed his commitment to speak up for Ahmadis and said that he will be visiting Pakistan later this year.

Due to time available a short Q&A session was held.

Closing Session:

Luke Taylor MP expressed concern with the India-Pakistan tensions and the broader geopolitical implications.

He described the situation as involving the worst kind of human rights abuses and stated that he will continue to hold governments to account.

He emphasised that the UK must raise the TLP issue even in the context of broader geopolitical crises and concluded with: *"Our conscience demands we stop these killings."*

Siobhain McDonagh MP, Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) spoke powerfully and highlighted that persecution has increased in many forms. The Pakistan Telecommunications Authority (PTA) has even cited the APPG website as part of its wider crackdown on blocking of Ahmadi websites in Pakistan. She said the APPG was formed after the 2010 attacks and has worked to highlight these issues through inquiries, briefings, reports and also pressed Ofcom to issue fines to those spreading hate online, however sadly more action is needed in the digital space to protect Ahmadis.

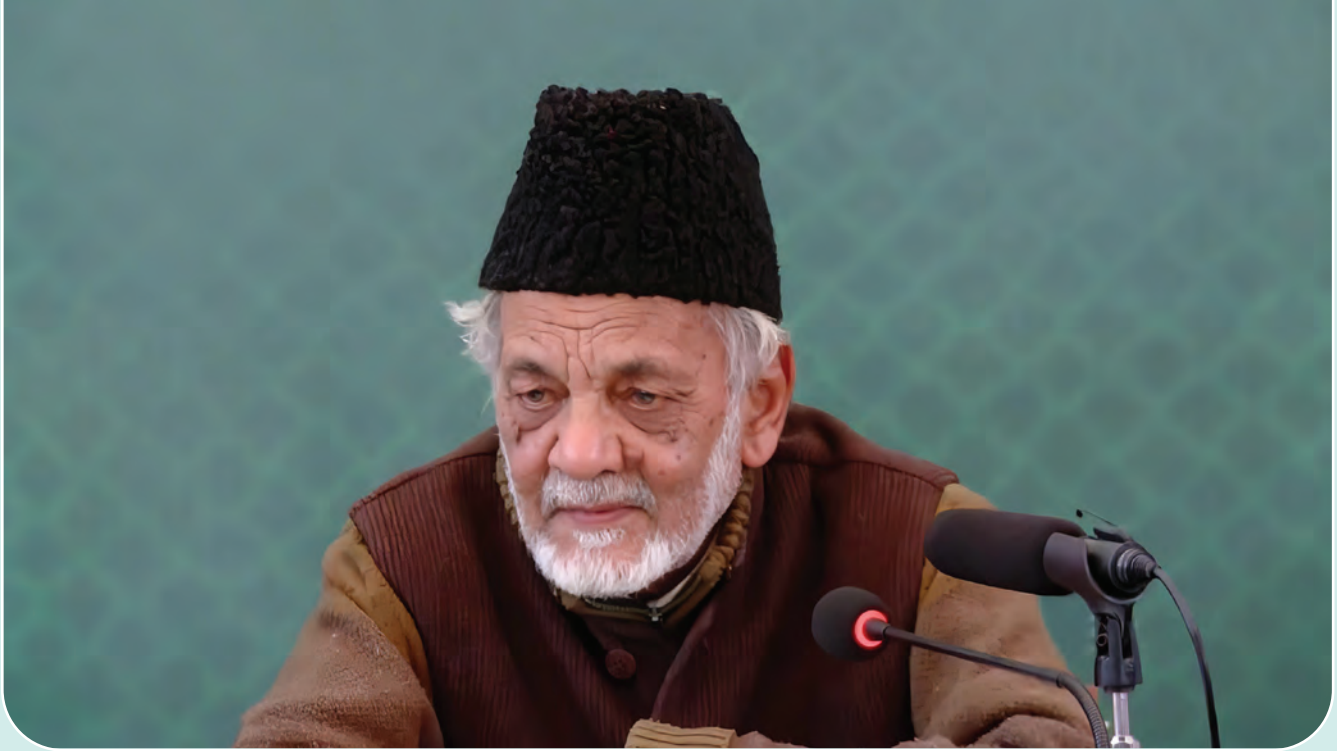
She vowed that while Pakistan wants to suppress those who speak for Ahmadis the APPG will not be suppressed and will continue to speak up and press for change.

Siobhain McDonagh MP closed the meeting by thanking attendees. She noted that despite his attempts today Foreign Office Minister Hamish Falconer was not able to attend in the end due to the Kashmir issue.

Report by Fareed Ahmad
Serving as National Secretary Umure Kharijiyya

THE LATE HONOURABLE SYED MIR MAHMOOD AHMAD NASIR SAHIB

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION
BY UK NATIONAL AMLA



The National Majlis-e-Āmila of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK expresses its profound grief and sorrow at the demise of the distinguished and honourable Syed Mir Mahmood Ahmad Nasir sahib, a devoted servant of the worldwide Ahmadiyya Muslim Community; former missionary to the UK, USA, and Spain; former Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya Rabwah; Head of the Research Cell Rabwah; a scholar and an intellectual; commentator, translator and scholar of Hadith; son-in-law of Hazrat Musleh Maud^{ra} and Hazrat Maryam Siddiq^{ra}; son of Hazrat Syed Mir Muhammad Ishaq sahib^{ra}; grandson of Hazrat Mir Nasir Nawab sahib^{ra}; and nephew of Hazrat Amma Jan^{ra}.

انا لله وانا اليه راجعون

"Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return."

He was born in Qadian on 15 October 1929 at the home of Hazrat Mir Muhammad Ishaq sahib^{ra}. Hazrat Musleh Maud^{ra} gave Adhān in his ears. He received his early education in Qadian and later obtained a B.A. degree from Punjab University. On the day of his father's passing in March 1944, at the age of just 14 years, he dedicated his life to the service of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. After the creation of Pakistan, he completed his Jamia education at Ahmad Nagar. He also pursued studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.

On 26 December 1955, prior to the formal opening of Jalsa Salana, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II^{ra} announced his nikāḥ to

his daughter, Respected Sahibzadi Amatul Mateen Sahiba.

His life of service began in early youth, and a brief summary of his lifelong contributions is as follows:

- He served in Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya Markaziyyah as Muhtamim Tarbiyyat, Muhtamim Amoomi, and Naib Sadr.
- He was appointed a Special Member of Majlis Ansarullah Pakistan for over thirteen years.
- From 1954 to 1957, he served as a missionary in the United Kingdom and also carried out responsibilities as Secretary of the London Mission. From 1957 to 1959, he served as a reserve missionary in Wakālat-e-Diwān. In 1960, he was appointed as a teacher in Jamia Ahmadiyya Rabwah and served in this role until 1978. He was posted to the USA as a missionary from 1978 to 1982, and from 1982 to 1986, he served in Spain. From 1986 to 1989, he worked as Wakil-ut-Tasnif. From 1986 to 2010, he served as Principal of Jamia Ahmadiyya Rabwah. During this time, from 1994 to July 2001, he also held the office of Wakil-ut-Ta'lim. He was Head of both the Research Cell and the "Waqi'a Ṣalīb" Cell. In 2005, he was appointed the President of the Noor Foundation upon its establishment, and he continued to serve in this capacity until his final days.
- He served for 46 years across two terms as a member

of Majlis-e-Iftā.

- He was a member of the Tadwīn-e-Fiqh Committee, the Khilafat Library Committee, and the Yatāmā (Orphans) Committee.
- He was a member of the Review Committee for the English translation of the Holy Qur'an by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IV^{rh}.
- He served as Naib Afsar Jalsa Salana from 1986 to 2024.
- His academic contributions are vast. Under the Noor Foundation, he completed the Urdu translation of the entire Şihāḥ Sittah and had begun the translation of Musnad Ahmad bin Hanbal and the commentary of Şaḥīḥ Muslim. He also translated *Shamā'il al-Tirmidhī*.
- He served as a member of the review committee for the Italian translation of the Holy Qur'an.
- By the grace of Allah, he was proficient in Arabic, English, Spanish, Hebrew, and Italian. During his tenure as Principal Jamia Ahmadiyya, he would occasionally teach Hebrew in Jamia classes, explaining the prophecies about the advent and truth of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) as found in the ancient scriptures.
- His *Duroos-ul-Hadith* delivered during the month of Ramadan at Masjid Mubarak are considered scholarly masterpieces in both their depth and research.
- He was a member of the Electoral Colleges for the elections of Khilafat-e-Thālitha, Khilafat-e-Rābi'a, and Khilafat-e-Khāmisa, and had the honour of participating in their sessions.
- From 1967 to 1977, he delivered speeches at Jalsa Salana Rabwah. He was also blessed with opportunities to speak at the UK and Germany Jalsa Salana gatherings.
- Numerous programmes, speeches, lectures, and interviews by him were broadcast on MTA International. He delivered hundreds of *Dars-ul-Hadith* at Masjid Mubarak, many of which were recorded and aired by MTA.
- He authored dozens of academic articles on the Bible, which were published in various newspapers and journals. He wrote commentaries on *Deuteronomy* and three of the Gospels. His scholarly work on the topics of the Shroud of Turin, the Ointment of Jesus, and the migration of Jesus (as) stands out as exceptional.
- On 18 December 1989, an FIR was registered against him and other elders under Section 298-C at the Rabwah Police Station, as a result of which he was honoured to spend a night in custody as an *Asīr-e-Rāh-e-Mawlā* (prisoner in the cause of Allah).

By the grace and mercy of Allah, he witnessed the eras of four Khulafa and maintained close personal relationships with each one of them. He consistently served in accordance with their guidance, counsel, and expectations, earning the honour of being their trusted right hand and *Sulṭān-e-Naṣīr*.

Upon his passing, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa} paid glowing tribute to him in the Friday Sermon of 16 May 2025. Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} said:

"His services in the academic field were also vast... In any case, he was a great supporter and helper of Khilāfat, completely devoted, one who implemented every single word, loyal, a rare Sultan Naseer (a helping power), and a scholar who practiced what he preached. At least for me, I cannot currently think of anyone comparable to him."

He is survived by four sons and one daughter, listed as follows:

- Respected Syed Shoaib Ahmad sahib - USA
- Respected Dr Syed Ibrahim Muneeb Ahmad sahib - Canada
- Respected Syed Muhammad Ahmad sahib - Islamabad, Tilford, UK
- Respected Dr Syed Ghulam Ahmad Farukh sahib - In-charge IT Department, Sadr Anjuman Ahmadiyya Rabwah
- Respected Ayesha Nusrat Jahan Sahiba - Wife of Respected Mirza Fakhar Ahmad sahib, Netherlands

The National Majlis-e-Āmila UK expresses its deepest condolences on the passing of this noble elder, scholar of faith, and devoted lifelong servant of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, to our beloved Imām, Hazrat Khalifatul Masih V^{aa}; to the bereaved family of respected Mir sahib; to his relatives and well-wishers across the world; to his students scattered across continents; and to all members of the blessed family of the Promised Messiah^{as}.

We pray that may Allah the Almighty grant cover to respected Mir sahib, elevate him to the loftiest station in Paradise of His love and pleasure. *Āmīn. Allāhumma Āmīn.*

Members of the National Majlis-e-Āmila Ahmadiyya Muslim Community UK

20 May 2025

A YEAR IN REVIEW

BY RESPECTED AMIR SAHIB UK



At the Majlis Shura 2025 Respected Amir Sahib UK gave a short address to the audience where he highlighted the work that had been carried out by various departments and auxiliary organisations.

Tabligh

The Tabligh department continually carried out a variety of activities over the course of the year. At Jalsa Salana, the Tabligh marquee hosted focused discussions for Persian attendees, Bangladeshis, new Converts, and New Ahmadis. A function was organised in the Arab marquee on Friday evening, attended by 500 individuals from the Arab community. Speeches were delivered by Muhammad Sharif Odeh (Amir Kababir), Ayman Odeh, Abdulkader Odeh, and Karim Khan Sahib. The department was actively involved in several activities during the centenary function of the Fazl Mosque, which took place on 19th October 2024.

The department organised a National Conference for missionaries, which saw participation from 51 missionaries. The event concentrated on improving Tabligh skills and tackling contemporary issues, highlighting the importance of obedience, humility, and prayer in

missionary work.

The department also organised the National Tabligh Conference, which saw participation from 304 members, including local presidents, local Tabligh secretaries, and members of the local Tabligh departments, as well as Da'iyyin Ilallah and Regional Amirs. The day featured numerous speakers covering a range of topics, providing participants with a wealth of information.

The department was actively engaged with the 'Rational Religion' and 'True Islam' websites. The 'True Islam' website has introduced new features, including a searchable collection of over 1300 Q&A videos featuring Hazrat Khalifatul Masih IVth.

A significant renovation of the Rational Religion website has been successfully completed.

Local jama'ats distributed over 800,000 leaflets, engaged in more than 7,700 individual Tabligh meetings, and welcomed over 47,000 non-Ahmadi guests at these gatherings.

General Secretary Office

The General Secretary's department arranged the 45th National Majlis Shura,

a significant national event. Planning occurred continuously throughout the year and was not confined to just a few months. Although Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} could not attend, he gave detailed instructions, which were read out at the Shura.

The department held a number of Office bearer refresher courses for the local office bearers. Sessions were informal and interactive, encouraging Q&A and experience sharing. They were well attended and positively received. They also successfully organised and coordinated two All Presidents meetings with the Amir. The department produced the Annual Calendar of events following thorough collaboration with various departments and auxiliaries.

They also received and meticulously reviewed numerous requests for modifications to local Amila, ensuring each one was addressed appropriately.

They also organised the local elections throughout the UK in readiness for the new Jama'at year beginning in July. In May 2024, efforts commenced to improve NRCS by incorporating voter list upload capabilities. Two national online training sessions were conducted for 220 Presidents and Finance Secretaries to assist them in updating the voters list.

The department conducted a mid-year evaluation of general and Amila meetings throughout the Jama'ats, focussing on local Jama'at progress. Feedback was provided in a constructive manner when needed, and Presidents were encouraged to uphold strong connections with members while promoting a deep affection for Khilafat. By the grace of Allah, the department received around 97% of reports from the local Jama'ats on a monthly basis.

The department arranged a staff training workshop on 30 September 2024 in collaboration with the HR department: A total of 83 staff and volunteers participated in this training, which included communication, security, and fire marshal instruction.

Tarbiyat

The department encouraged local secretaries to take the initiative in organising and leading Tarbiyat sessions independently. The department maintained regular communication with its local counterparts through visits, telephone calls, and text messages. This offered a vital and continuous support system for local secretaries, ensuring sustained engagement, fostering confidence, and enhancing relationships between the national centre and local Jama'ats.

They collaborated closely with the Qadha Board and Umur-e-Ama, having conducted over 65 post-marriage counselling sessions throughout the year. More than 70 Islahi meetings were conducted.

The department has also initiated a weekly quiz on Instagram and TikTok, along with producing engaging videos that emphasised the importance of Namaz. Additional activities encompassed the Ashra Salat Campaign, which was conducted every second month as directed by Huzoor Aqdas^{aa}. A national program Tarbiyat-e-Aulaad was facilitated for boys and girls focused on the study of the Promised Messiah^{as} literature and relevant contemporary subjects.

The department also organised sports activities for the members.

Talim

The Department introduced the Ta'lim Syllabus (Stage 1, 2, and 3,) at Jalsa 2024 and made it available to bookshops. Publicity efforts had been implemented

and Sadrs had been informed and motivated to incorporate this into their classes.

A committee for Ta'lim loans was established, comprising members from Ansar, Lajna, MKA, and the Ta'lim team. Their responsibility involved evaluating loan applications based on established criteria and providing recommendations to Markaz. Nine applications were received.

The department organised a Ta'lim Seminar at Baitul Futuh Mosque that focused on student study skills and parental education and additionally started working on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

One of their key activities was organising the Annual Ta'limi Awards, which were announced at Jalsa Salana UK. All arrangements were finalised, and the awards were announced in the presence of Huzoor Aqdas^{aa}. Award distribution occurred during the Khuddam, Ansar, and Lajna Ijtemas.

Finance

Despite significant economic challenges the dedication shown by members resulted in growth across nearly all significant financial areas. Year after year, we observe a rise in Lazmi donations. Alhamdulillah. Our online donation portal, www.chanda.org.uk, consistently generated substantial income with both active and new members joining each month throughout the UK. May Allah keep this facility as a source of great blessings for the Jama'at.

The department put into action budgetary controls which were strictly implemented across national departments, salaries, utilities, and UK missions and branches. Real-time reporting was improved to support better governance throughout all cost centres.

Throughout the UK, regional and local Jama'at branches helped families encountering difficulties, particularly those dealing with financial pressures from the cost of living and health emergencies.

Across the country, several regional finance training workshops were conducted to provide local finance office bearers with: - Skills in budgeting and reporting. - An understanding of Jama'at financial policies. - Improved professionalism and adherence to regulations. These sessions saw strong attendance and were met with positive

feedback, contributing to a more capable and confident finance structure throughout the UK.

Ziafat

The Ziafat department stood as a beacon of hospitality within the Jama'at, dedicated to extending warmth and care to all guests of the Promised Messiah^{as}. This department worked 24/7 providing high-quality meals to all members and guests and to all major centres, including Islamabad, Jamia, Baitul Futuh Mosque, Fazl Mosque, Baitul Ehsan and Deer Park.

Throughout the year, the Ziafat department played a pivotal role in facilitating many functions and events such as Jalsa Salana, Majlis Shura, Big Iftar's, Majlis-e-Seht programmes to name a few. They also provided food to the homeless, throughout the year and, in Ramadan, carried out an extensive programme to provide food to the needy, elderly, and single parents. In the past year, the Ziafat team prepared over 1,000,000 meals, including those served during the Jalsa Salana UK.

Sami Basri

By the grace of Allah, the Sami Basri department consistently provided effective service to the Jamaat over the past year. The team managed a substantial workload, averaging approximately 30 events each month. The demand for audio visual coverage increased, with total recorded support hours at the centre reaching 597 per month, not including setup and windup time.

The department offered assistance for significant events, including Jalsa Salana UK, the Annual Peace Conference, The Big Iftar, and National Ijtemas (Khuddam, Ansar, Lajna). Alongside national and significant regional gatherings, Sami Basri addressed a range of events, such as: National Amila meetings, Friday sermons, Jumah arrangements at Baitul Futuh and Fazal Mosque, and Majlis Shura. A total of 388 events necessitated active support in 2024-25.

The department comprised several sub-departments, each led by dedicated heads. Local secretaries were essential in providing support for regional and local events. Technological enhancements encompassed - Implementation of IP-network-based production workflows for Audio & Video and the modernisation of current broadcast equipment. The department also conducted ongoing site visits and evaluations.

Following each visit, a report was generated to aid in asset management, providing support to Jama'ats across the UK throughout their lifecycle.

Umur e A'mma

The Umur A'mma department experienced yet another busy year primarily dealing with new arrivals into the UK Jama'at.

The department played a crucial role in dispute resolution covering various issues and continued to provide guidance to members on how they can best follow the guidance of Huzoor Aqdas^{aa}.

Regarding the Social Welfare and Job Section, 1,435 elderly and disabled members were identified, 7,940 calls were made to check on their wellbeing and 4,494 hospital visits were conducted.

The Department offered job guidance, training resources, and encouragement for members to utilise government job services. They also conducted a Hepatitis & Kidney Disease Awareness session at Baitul Futuh Mosque. There were 80 attendees, and NHS doctors offered medical guidance.

The warm room initiative progressed at Baitul Futuh Mosque and expanded across UK regions.

In total, around 31,500 calls were made or received concerning Umur A'ama activities. A total of 2897 letters, addressing all aspects of Umur A'ama activities, were composed and sent out, while 3358 letters were received.

Wasaya

The Wasaya department communicated Huzoor Aqdas^{aa} directives and extracts from Al-Wasiyyat to the Jama'at Presidents to encourage greater participation in the blessed institution of Wasiyat. The department continued to remind Musis who are not paying at the prescribed rate to raise their payments to the specified amount.

To aid Musis in completing the Schedule 'C' Forms, the department populated these forms with the necessary details and Hissa Amad contributions, printed them, and dispatched them to Musis for checking and signing.

The department also participated in a Finance Workshop, where they held meetings with their local counterparts.

It consistently updated and supplied Wasiyyat promotional materials and presentations to Jama'ats as requested. Assistance and support were offered to prospective Musis for filling out Wasiyyat forms through telephone, WhatsApp, and face-to-face interactions.

Rishta Nata

Alongside the Rishta Nata 'Meet and Greet Sessions,' the department established an online system - NPD (National Profile Deck) designed to assist children and parents in finding a suitable rishta through a mobile app. Information was kept anonymous, and if both parties agreed, contact details were exchanged, allowing families to communicate and learn more about one another.

The department hosted a Marquee at the UK Jalsa Salana. Posters, both self-standing and general, were showcased in the marquee. Visitors on the Gents side received printouts directing them to the Rishta Nata website for new registration and general office information. Boys were invited to attend a personal 1-2-1 consultation aimed at enhancing their profile and assisting in the search for a suitable Rishta. On the Lajna side, each mother received a short form (blue for boys and pink for girls) to be filled out with the specific details of her child. Suitable matches were established from these forms, and meetings were organised between their mothers in the marquee.

A refresher course was conducted online for local secretaries to give them a comprehensive overview of their roles and responsibilities. The National Secretaries were available to address any enquiries they had. A comprehensive overview of the National Department's structure and its priorities for the upcoming year was presented.

The Rishta Nata department held a seminar at the Al Mahdi Mosque in Bradford, which was streamed nationally via Zoom, allowing other UK Jamaat members to benefit from this significant event. The seminar focused on the significance of marriage within the context of Islam. Following the presentations, a comprehensive Question and Answer session took place with a panel.

Sanato Tijarat

By the grace of Allah the Almighty, the Sanato Tijarat department consistently

provided service to all members in diverse ways.

The department provided career support initiatives, including mentorship programs, employability workshops, and connections with employers, to enhance graduate job prospects. Guidance for business startups emphasising alternative funding strategies, along with opportunities in remote work, the digital sector, and the green economy for skill development.

There was a continuous emphasis on youth employment, networking, and entrepreneurial resilience ensuring that Jama'at members were prepared to navigate the evolving economic landscape.

The Oaklands Farm project at Hadeeqatul Mahdi experienced growth, and the initial revenue generation phase commenced. The carrot harvest yielded 2 tonnes, and other crops including tomatoes, peppers, courgettes, lettuce, and radishes were also cultivated.

With the job market experiencing a slowdown attributed to rising employer costs and economic uncertainty, the department provided reskilling programs, enhanced networking opportunities within the Jama'at and professional sectors, and strengthened partnerships with employers.

The department also motivated Jama'at members to take advantage of LinkedIn for networking and mentorship opportunities, providing early career exposure for youth and students to Jama'at professionals.

More than 550 members participated in the Networking and Mentoring Event that took place at Baitul Futuh Mosque. A comparable event took place in the North West Region and was equally well-received, leaving a positive impression on attendees.

Acknowledging the difficulties faced by new arrivals to the UK, sessions took place in November 2024 and February 2025. Guidance was provided on employment pathways and vocational training, details regarding legal and regulatory frameworks for work and business. Assistance was also given with career counselling, CV development, and business startup advice customised to qualifications and immigration status.

Putting Obligatory Chanda's into Perspective



The Call of the Hour

"What a blessed time this is! No one is asked to lay down his life. This is not the time for offering the ultimate sacrifice; rather it is the time to spend out of one's possessions, according to one's means."

[The Promised Messiah ﷺ, Al-Hakam Qadian, July 10, 1903]

The importance of engaging all members into the system of Chanda

"I stress upon all of you, whether present or absent, to tell your brothers about the Chanda and try to bring your weak brothers into the system of Chanda. This opportunity will not present itself ever again."

[Promised Messiah ﷺ, Malfoozat, volume 3, p360]

Financial Sacrifice and Self Purification

"One should keep one's dealing with Allah straightforward. Financial sacrifice is a means of moral training as well as to purify oneself."

[Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ﷺ, Summary of Friday Sermon, March 31 2006]

Those in hardship should seek Concession

"The real objective of financial sacrifice is to attain nearness to Allah rather than collect money. Therefore the correct income should be declared with regards the regular obligatory Chanda. If need be, concession should be sought"

[Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ﷺ, Summary of Friday Sermon, March 31 2006]

Contributing according to one's blessing

"If you acquire more income after the Budget has been drawn, you must not continue paying according to the Budget. Rather you must pay in relation to the blessings which Allah has showered upon you...So I beseech you that, for your prayers to be accepted, it is important that you keep your dealings with Allah clear."

[Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ﷺ, Friday Sermon, June 6 2003]

Contributing regularly and the growth of one's wealth

"The principal of giving according to one's means but giving regularly has the seeds of progress in it. Whoever starts giving a little bit regularly will naturally increase his sacrifice and his means will also grow."

[Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV ﷺ, Friday Sermon, June 6, 2003]

The dangers of being dishonest with ones Chanda

"Office-bearers accept whatever a person claims to be his income, even when they know that he is not speaking the truth. But what comes to pass later on is very dangerous indeed for such people: their sacrifices of a lifetime go in vain and they lose their wealth and fall into all kinds of troubles." [Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV ﷺ, Friday Sermon, July 23 1982]

Do not deprive yourself of your wealth and happiness

"Tell those who are weak and are afraid of spending in the way of Allah that you are depriving yourselves both of virtue and of the blessings of Allah. You are even depriving yourselves of the world which you are striving for. Your wealth will decline, you will not see the happiness of your children. Before your very eyes your pleasures shall vanish and sorrow and worry shall have their place in your hearts."

[Hadrat Khalifatul Masih IV ﷺ, Friday Sermon, September 10, 1982]

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A CALL TO TRUE SACRIFICE, WORSHIP AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

EID-UL-ADHA

And to every people We appointed rites of sacrifice, that they might mention the name of Allah over the quadrupeds of the class of cattle that He has provided for them. So your God is One God; therefore submit ye all to Him. And give thou glad tidings to the humble, the heat of the sun. In Ramadan, a person restrains themselves from food and drink, and all other physical pleasures. Further, an individual develops within themselves a burning passion and fervour to fulfil the commandments of Allah Almighty. Therefore, spiritual and physical warmth and heat constitute the Arabic word known in dual form as ramadan. It is my view that those lexicographers who suggest that the word ramadan has its etymological roots in the fact that this was a month of heat are incorrect because this is no distinguishing factor in Arabia. Spiritual 'heat' refers to spiritual fervour and joy, and religious zeal. The word ramadun also alludes to that heat which causes rocks and the like to become heated."

Surah al-Hajj (22:36)

Their flesh reaches not Allah, nor does their blood, but it is your righteousness that reaches Him. Thus has He subjected them to you, that you may glorify Allah for His guiding you. And give glad tidings to those who do good.

Surah al-Hajj (22:38)

fear and love for God. Though these emotions may seem contradictory, Islam intertwines them in a unique way. The more a person fears disappointing Allah, the more his love and longing to please Him grows. He stated that Salat is the means to develop fear of Allah, while Hajj represents the pinnacle of love – where a believer abandons worldly comforts for the sake of God. Although many Ahmadis are barred from performing Hajj, some still manage to go, and Allah, knowing the intentions of His servants, bestows His grace upon them.

Sacrifice extends beyond the act of animal slaughter. In contemporary society, dedicating one's time, wealth, or personal interests may constitute a more significant form of devotion. Engaging with detrimental online content, neglecting religious practices, or displaying inappropriate behaviour towards others can diminish the value of any ritual sacrifice.

We should use this Eid to cultivate an environment characterised by mutual respect, unity, and collective support fosters stability and resilience, even in the face of external adversity. Upholding the values of *Salaam*, demonstrating compassion, and maintaining unity are not only foundational principles for harmonious communities but also essential strategies for achieving peace within society.

Let us dedicate this Eid not just to rituals, but to a renewed commitment to live by the principles of Islam: righteousness, love, sacrifice, and obedience. In doing so, they will become recipients of Allah's boundless grace – both in this world and the next.

Rawahuddin Arif Khan - Murrabi Silsila

The verses above emphasise that Eid-ul-Adha is not merely about the ritual slaughter of animals, but rather a deep spiritual symbolism. These verses highlight that God does not desire the flesh or blood of the sacrificed animals – He desires *Taqwa* and heartfelt obedience.

Eid teaches us the principle of being prepared to dedicate all that we value for our faith. The act of animal sacrifice symbolises a readiness to relinquish personal comforts, desires, and, if necessary, one's own life in commitment to religious beliefs.

A genuine act of sacrifice is defined by internal sincerity rather than external demonstration. While some individuals may emphasize the quantity of animals offered in sacrifice, this gesture alone does not fulfil the principles of humility, compassion, and justice emphasized in Islam. Divine expectation centres on personal righteousness—remembering God, practicing reverence, and upholding His guidance through actions.

Quoting the Promised Messiah^{as}, Huzoor^{ra} explained in his Eid Sermon that true worship stems from a combination of

KING'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2025

AWARD OF CMG TO SIR DR IFTIKHAR AYAZ SAHIB

We are delighted to share with you the news that by the Grace of Allah and the blessings of Khilafat, King Charles III in his Birthday Honours conferred upon Sir Dr Iftikhar Ayaz Sahib, the CMG (Companion of the Most Distinguished Order of St Michael and St George). This is the seventh award that Dr Sahib has received from the British Monarchy.

Earlier this year he also received the Champion of Human Rights award from YOUTH FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL.

Alhumdolillah.

The Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George is a British order of chivalry founded on 28 April 1818 by George, Prince of Wales (the future King George IV), while he was acting as prince regent for his father, King George III. It is named in honour of two military saints, Michael and George.

The Order of St Michael and St George was originally awarded to those holding commands or high position in the Mediterranean territories acquired in the Napoleonic Wars, and it was subsequently extended to holders of similar office or position in other territories of the British Empire. It is at present awarded to men and women who hold high office or who render extraordinary or important non-military service to the United Kingdom in a foreign country, and it can also be conferred for important or loyal service in relation to foreign and Commonwealth affairs.

"Dear Sir Iftikhar,

On behalf of His Excellency, the Governor-General of Tuvalu, I extend warmest congratulations to Sir Iftikhar Ahmad Ayaz on the conferral of the honour of Companion of the Order of St Michael and St George (CMG).

This prestigious award, graciously approved by His Majesty King Charles III and confirmed by Buckingham Palace, recognises Sir Iftikhar's outstanding dedication, exemplary service, and meaningful contributions to the people of Tuvalu and beyond.

The honour reflects not only Sir Iftikhar's unwavering commitment and integrity but also the high esteem in which he is held by the nation and the Crown. It is a moment of great pride for his family, the Tuvalu community, and all who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

We celebrate this significant achievement with gratitude and joy, and we wish Sir Iftikhar continued success, good health, and further distinction in all his future endeavours.



CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St. James's Palace, London SW1

14 June 2025

THE KING has been graciously pleased, on the occasion of the Celebration of His Majesty's Birthday, and on the advice of His Majesty's Tuvalu Ministers, to give orders for the following appointments to, the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George:

ORDER OF SAINT MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE

C.M.G.

To be an Ordinary Member of the Third Class, or Companion, of the said Most Distinguished Order:

Sir Iftikhar AYAZ, K.B.E. For services to Tuvalu.

Congratulations, Sir Iftikhar Ayaz on this well-deserved recognition."

LAJNA IMAI'LLAH NATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM 2025

REPORT BY
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With the theme "Women as Ambassadors for Peace" at the heart of this year's National Peace Symposium, members of Lajna Imai'llah and their guests gathered on 22 June 2025 to celebrate this annual gathering. The event welcomed more than 550 attendees and included guests from different faiths, backgrounds, cultures and professions, including journalists, politicians, academics, charity representatives and members from the local communities.

Tradition recognises the key moments of this event as embedded within the speeches and formal dinner; however, another equally pertinent aspect of this programme exists within its sense of community. A sense of community that is shared and embraced with external guests through exclusive tours of the Baitul Futuh Mosque, an extensive range of immersive and insightful exhibitions, and lest we forget the opportunity to simply mingle with others over a selection of drinks, desserts and traditional snacks.

This year, many guests commented on the

exceptional showcasing of informative and educational displays, with Marian Yun from the United Nations World Food Programme, one of the respected key speakers, stating that:

"I'm also impressed with how well the exhibition has been arranged... the way I have seen some of the stalls being prepared and how they are focusing on transmitting their message, I have to say it's very impressive and unique, very simple but very effective".

Exhibitions at the Peace Symposium included a display of Holy Qur'ans translated into several different languages, an opportunity to 'Experience the Hijab' and learn about Islam's teachings about modesty, Humanity First, S.E.N.D, Voice of Islam, Review of Religions, The Al-Qalam Project, Women's Rights in Islam, a bookstall with free literature for guests, Voice of British Muslim Women, Introduction to Islamic Calligraphy, The Great Blind Taste Test to encourage an understanding of the existence of God and

the Experience Islam for Schools stand which explained this new CPD accredited training programme launched by Lajna for RE teachers in the UK. Numerous guests commented on their appreciation for the digital Qur'an programmes where they could listen to the recitation of select verses as well as the opportunity to view a Holy Qur'an written in braille. These stalls not only relayed the true meanings and essence of Islam, but also the passion and dedication of all its followers, as another guest admired the display of "talented ladies, all of whom volunteer".

Following an enjoyable and educational walk around the exhibitions in Nasir Hall, the guests and attendees swiftly moved into Tahir Hall where the formal proceedings were underway. The session began with a customary recitation of the Holy Qur'an with its English translation.

This was followed by a welcome to the event by the National Tabligh Secretary who introduced to listeners the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and its Beloved Leader, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aa}.



Lajna Imai'llah, by the Grace of God, have achieved many milestones over years, many of which were presented to listeners, including the Ayesha Maternity Hospital in Sierra Leone.

With the audience now well acquainted with the message of peace and representation of "Women as Ambassadors for Peace" within Islam, a strong foundation had been set for the key speakers to further build upon with their expert and thoughtful words.

The first guest speaker, Anna Lubelska, founder of the Peaceful Schools Movement, initiated the long-awaited conversation of truly recognising women as ambassadors for peace. Anna highlighted the significance of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's motto "Love for all Hatred for None" as one that is greatly powerful. One that, despite her studying many religions across the world, seems to stand out. She questioned how we, as a society, can instil "love and not hate" concluding that this requires communication and people who are willing to listen; and this is something that we as women have the power to do. It is vital we "understand different perspectives and seek harmony..... we have the capacity for love and to decrease conflict". Therefore, the key to attaining peace is by utilising the power and qualities that we have as women, this is the way in which there will be "peace between us and peace between communities".

Following Anna's thought-provoking address, a brief pause was taken between speakers in order



for Lajna Imai'llah to make a humble donation to the Halow Project, a charity based in Guildford that supports children and young adults with special needs and autism.

The second guest speaker of the evening was Marian Yun, Head of Partnership at the United Nations World Food Programme. Marian began by providing an insight into the work of the UN World Food Programme, being a first responder providing food in emergencies caused by conflict and natural disasters. Marian then addressed a topical issue in the current time; war, stating that "peace is the word of the day and yet the world seems like it's on fire". She highlighted that statistics show that currently, there is more conflict in the world today than there was during World War II. As a devastating result, there is no longer a guaranteed sense of food security, "food security and peace go hand in hand". This is why, more than ever before, it is important to understand that "empowering women and girls is not only a moral imperative, it is a smart investment". Marian noted that women have the "ability to lift communities out of hunger", if only they had "equal access as men to agricultural resources", and it is precisely this that we as a global community should aim for moving forward.

Following Marian's powerful address, Lajna Imai'llah extended a further donation, this time to the Wonder Foundation, an organisation led by women for women's education. This was also followed by a third donation to Sustainable Merton, a local award-winning environmental charity.

The third and final external speaker, joining the event through a video message, was London's Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice, Dr Debbie Weekes-Bernard. Dr Weekes-Bernard expressed her appreciation of Lajna's efforts to strengthen community cohesion and promote peace "Guided by Islam's peaceful teachings, you champion peace, interfaith harmony and social uplift... His Holiness^{aa} reminds us 'unquestionably women play an indispensable role in society because the future generations lie in their laps and grow up in their tender care'...this is more than a statement of empowerment, it's a call to action and you have answered that call time and time again, you are students, educators, carers and community leaders. You are ambassadors of peace"

The keynote address of the evening was delivered by National Sadr Lajna Imai'llah UK, Dr Qurratul-Ain Rehman Sahiba who began with an acknowledgement of the fact that the world does not currently just require an "absence of war, but true peace". This is important because without peace there can be no justice, and without justice there can be no equity. Thus, the problem arises, a problem that prevents women from being absolute ambassadors for peace, yet a problem that Islam has provided the solution to: "equity and justice are the only path to true societal peace in Islam". Sadr Sahiba pointed out that this is a message emphasised by the current worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community and also centuries ago by The Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa} during a time where no other community granted women, or other minorities, rights in the way Islam did. To this, Sadr Sahiba quoted a Hadith from The Holy Prophet Muhammad^{sa}:

"Neither an Arab has superiority over a non-Arab, nor a non-Arab over an Arab. A white person is not superior to a



black person, nor a black is superior to a white. The most honourable among you in the sight of God is the one who is the most righteous."

Therefore, it would have come as no surprise to listeners when Sadr Sahiba relayed a key teaching of Islam, this being that seeking knowledge is for both men and women. Educating women enables them to be better equipped to provide their aid and support in every field and advance human civilisation. Sadr Sahiba then went on to explain why it is necessary that women be ready to nurture the next generation as it is women who "are essential to the fabric of a peaceful society".

With these meaningful words, Sadr Sahiba brought this years event to a close. The programme ended with a silent prayer followed by an evening of dining and meaningful discussion.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

ANNUAL IJTEMA OF
MAJLIS ANSARULLAH SCOTLAND 2025

With Allah's blessings, Majlis Ansarullah Scotland held its regional annual Ijtema on Sunday, 18th May 2025. The theme of the Ijtema was "Belief in the Unseen." An Ijtema committee was formed well before the event, and a promotional campaign was executed in all the Majalis of the Scotland region. Zuma from all three Majalis—Glasgow, Glasgow South, and Edinburgh—contacted everyone with the syllabus and program of the Ijtema.

Sports competitions were held before Ijtema Day: badminton singles and doubles, table tennis singles and doubles, football, shot put, 100-meter sprint, and tug-of-war.

After registration and breakfast at 10 a.m., the opening session commenced, chaired by Dr Abdul Hayee Sahib, Regional Amir of Scotland. Following the recitation of the Holy Quran and its English translation, Ahmad Owusu

Konadu Nazim e Ala Ijtema led the Ansar pledge, this was followed by a Nazm. Murabbi Sahib Daud Ahmad Quraishi delivered a speech on the theme of the Ijtema. The opening session concluded with a silent prayer, followed by a brief presentation from the Rishta Nata department of Ansarullah. Soon after, Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK, respected Mirza Waqas Ahmad Sahib, joined the Ijtema along with two Naib Sadran and Qaid Amoomi.

The academic competitions included Tilawat, Nazm, Prepared Speech in English and Urdu, and Extempore Speech. After lunch and the Zuhr/Asr salat, Mahmood Ahmad Khan Sahib, Naib Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK, delivered a presentation on the Beacon of Peace projects in Africa.

Respected Sadr Majlis Ansarullah UK chaired the closing session, which began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Nazm. After the Ansarullah pledge, Nazim-e-Alaa Ijtema presented the Ijtema report. The prize distribution took place, where prizes included medals, books, and trophies awarded to the winners of sports and academic competitions.

The chairman delivered the concluding speech on the theme of the Ijtema. Murabbi Sahib Dundee led the silent prayers, and a group photograph was taken. The attendance breakdown was as follows: Majlis Glasgow 24, Edinburgh 12, Glasgow South 29, and Guests 15, totalling 80.

Report by Arshad Mehmood Khan - Glasgow



MAJLIS ANSARULLAH GLASGOW & GLASGOW SOUTH

HOST EID CELEBRATIONS



The Majlis Ansarullah Glasgow and Glasgow South organised a lively and memorable Eid al-Adha celebration, welcoming over 65 guests to the Baitur Rahman Mosque. Attendees included respected dignitaries, interfaith leaders, representatives from the Scottish Police and the Home Office, members of the public from various communities, and most importantly, neighbours of the Glasgow mosque, all united by a shared dedication to peace and mutual understanding.

Guests were greeted with a welcoming atmosphere, registration, and refreshments. Attendees were also invited

to browse a Quran exhibition and a collection of Islamic literature in the mosque library, providing a meaningful introduction to the evening's themes of knowledge and faith. The main event began at 5:00 PM with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an, followed by its English translation. Mr Naeem Sattar extended a warm welcome, briefed guests on the mosque's fire safety protocols, and introduced the programme.

Dr Abdul Hayee, Regional President of the Scotland region, spoke passionately about the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's global humanitarian efforts, which include



building hospitals and schools, as well as providing aid during natural disasters. He emphasised the community's ethos, "Love for All, Hatred for None," and its dedication to peace, brotherhood, and service. A short introductory video offered insights into the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's rich heritage and its peaceful worldwide mission, setting the tone for meaningful engagement and reflection.

Imam Fakhar Ahmad Aftab discussed the spiritual importance of Eid al-Adha, referencing the notable example of Hazrat Ibrahim (peace be upon him) and Hazrat Ismail (peace be upon him). His speech highlighted themes of sacrifice, trust in God, and moral conviction—values that go beyond religious borders and bring the Abrahamic faiths together. A lively Q&A session followed, promoting open discussion about the community's practices and beliefs. Guests appreciated the spirit of dialogue, recognising the event's role in fostering better understanding across

different faiths and cultures.

Shazia Khan, the National Community Engagement Officer for Asia at the UK Home Office, applauded the community's inclusive approach, particularly its efforts in supporting refugees and vulnerable groups. She highlighted the international leadership of His Holiness Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad^{aa}, referencing his significant peace addresses at venues such as the European Parliament, Capitol Hill, and Westminster. The evening ended with a moment of silent prayer, followed by a heartfelt Eid dinner where attendees shared food, stories, and smiles. Many participants later took to social media to express their appreciation and gratitude, celebrating the success of the event. Short video interviews and group photos captured the joy and unity of the gathering.

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